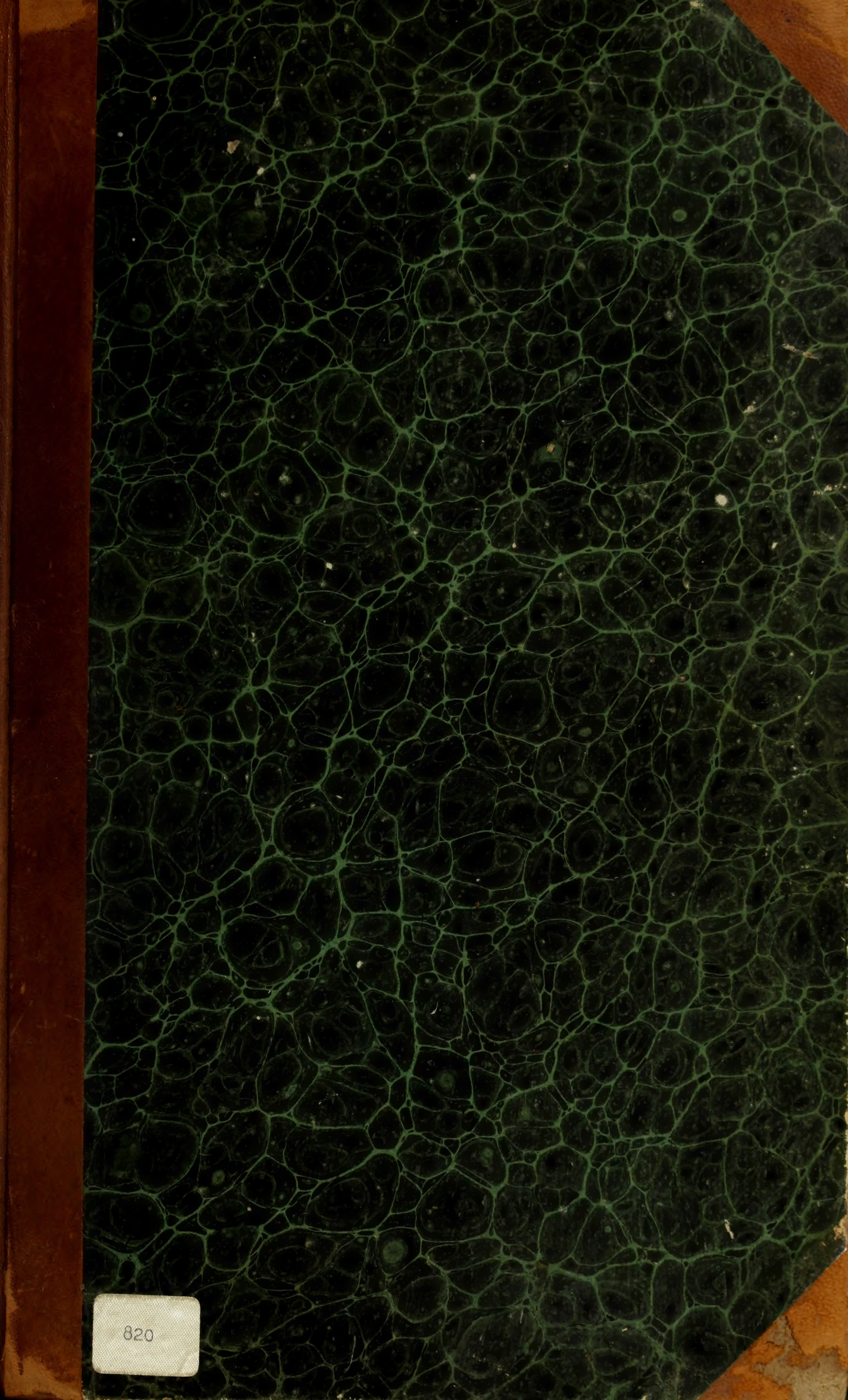

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# Deep Water Cruising,

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## My experience as a Sailor:

Where I went, and What I saw.

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# Preface.

Kind Reader:

If you can have the patience to embark with me, I will give you a plain, straight forward account of my experience as a sailor, and you can depend upon every incident here narrated as being true, excepting names of persons, and these are mostly real.

Perhaps some may read this who were my companions in my voyagings, and if so they will readily recognize the different characters; and if I can interest an idle hour for you, Reader, my purpose will be accomplished.

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# Chapter I st.

## Outward Bound.

It was on a pleasant summer's day in the month of July, 1856, that I put my name on the articles as one of the crew of the ship C—, bound on a three years whaling voyage to the North Pacific and Arctic oceans and to sail in the course of a month. As this was my first voyage I felt a great responsibility resting upon my shoulders never having left home before, and of course felt very important So the next morning I started off and bought a second hand sea chest, in first-rate order, I was told and which afterwards proved to be, as far as putty and paint would make it which was freely put on to cover its defects. I carried it to the shipping office, where I obtained my "outfit", consisting of two pairs of Satinet pants, two blue woollen shirts, two pairs of shoes, drawers, socks, &c., the shipping master who was the owner, at the same time telling me that I could get plenty of everything on board, and informing me of the probable day of her sailing.

At last the eventful day arrived, and leaving my mother in tears, and bidding farewell to friends, I started for the scene of action. The ship was lying in the stream with topsails hoisted and colors flying, and to my eye presented a fine appearance. I soon found a boat going off, and stepping into her was soon alongside. As we came over the rail the Captain (who came off in the same boat,) to "Man the windlass" gave orders to the mate to get under weigh, and was answered by the mate giving orders to "Man the windlass" and very soon she began to move slowly through the water. To my eyes the ship presented a scene of confusion Ropes lying about the deck, chests, bags and boxes piled up promiscuously, and all the clear spaces filled with people who had come on board for the purpose of seeing us off. But as we began to drop slowly down the bay they began to take their departure one by one. till at last the decks were tolerably clear, and we began putting things in order, so that in the course of a couple of hours we began to look quite respectable.

When the ship had got about ten miles down the bay the Captain took his departure, and the ship was brought to anchor for the night. The sails were then furled, the officers assisting, and when everything had been made snug, the cook sang out. "supper, boys" and came forward bringing a small tub or kid as it is called of potatoes, and another of salt beef, but supper was a thing out of the question for me, as excitement had entirely demolished my appetite.

After supper and while enjoying a quiet smoke, I had leisure to look around me. The evening being very warm we were all gathered together on deck. We numbered about sixteen men, representing the same number of nations or less. There were English, Irish, and Scotch, Dutchmen, Portuguese, Hoosiers and Yankees. I thought to myself this is the beginning of my three years cruise, what will be the end. . We shall see

The next morning we were aroused at daybreak by one of the officers, and we turned out, dressed ourselves and went on deck and worked till breakfast time, when we were ordered to "get breakfast." We then remained idle till about ten o'clock, when the Captain arrived and we proceeded to get under weigh. While part of the crew were heaving on the windlass, the rest were busy loosing and hoisting the topsails. The wind being ahead we were forced to beat out through the passage leading to the ocean, and after a succession of short tacks I found myself for the first time on the open sea, rolling upon the long regular swell, and the land fast receding behind us.

As soon as the ropes were coiled up and order restored, all hands were set to work with the mate as boss, at catting and fishing the anchors. When this had been done the crew were called aft, and watches chosen. I was chosen in the mates or port watch, while the other is the second mates or starboard watch

When we came to go down below at night, we found everything in confusion in the forecastle. The chests not being properly secured, were sliding about the deck every time the ship gave a roll, and the bilge water in the hold having been stirred up by the motion of the vessel, created a disgusting smell, and adding to this some of the crew beginning to show incipient signs of being attacked by that dread monster, seasickness, you may believe that our supper was not relished very highly.

Being very tired I turned in to my bunk as soon as possible and went to sleep. It did not seem to me as if I had been asleep more than ten minutes before I was awakened by a tremendous pounding on the forecastle scuttle followed by the cry. "port watch, ahoy, rout out there." We found that our watch below was up, and so turned out and dressed ourselves as well as we could in the dark, and went on deck, and the other watch went below. I soon found that all hands or nearly so were decidedly seasick, and were paying Neptunes toll quite freely. As yet I had felt no signs of being sick, and began to think that I should be let off this time, and with one of the crew named Dennis, who also had escaped for the time being, were laughing at the rueful faces and disconsolate expressions which we saw and heard around us

The next morning we were called aft, and boats crews were chosen. I was chosen for the Captains or starboard boat, which was managed by the fourth mate. Towards night the wind changed to the N. E., and began to freshen, but as we were right before it we did not feel it much until it increased so as to make it necessary to shorten sail. About this time I began to feel the first qualms of sea-sickness, but tried to please myself with the idea that as I had resisted it so long I should not be troubled with it. But we shall soon see. The jibs having been taken in some time before, as they were of no use dead before the wind, the topgallant sails were ordered to be taken in and the mainsail furled. I got out on the yard and got in again, but the principal part of my time was occupied in holding on to the yard, not having got accustomed to hang on by my eyelids.

As the gale still continued to increase as night came on, before it became finally dark the Captain gave orders to double reef topsails, which being done with the assistance of the officers, and the ship being now under snug sail, the watch were ordered to go below. In the course of the next few hours the fore topsail was taken in, so that now she carried nothing but the main top sail and foresail, [illegible] and fore topmast stay sail; the two latter, however, being fore and aft sails were of course no use to [illegible] before the wind. As I continued to get up better fast, when it came the turn of my watch to go below I lost no time in getting into my bunk and, I am happy to say, was soon asleep. I had slept about five or ten minutes as it seemed to me when I was awakened by the well known cry of "port watch ahoy," and found that four hours had gone somehow, and we must go on deck again. The first thing that attracted my attention after my arrival was the [illegible] of Neptune [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be distinguished so long.

The ship was now running before it, making the foam fly from her bow, which in the darkness sparkled like fire as it dashed past the sides of the vessel. She would go along quite steady for a few seconds, and then she would take a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sympathized with by our poor stomachs which [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] than the [illegible].

[illegible] however, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] to decrease gradually. Just at this time we had a very heavy sea on, and a grand and beautiful sight it was to me, the vessel would rise on a large billow and drive ahead on the top of it, and as she would sink in the trough of the sea almost stand still, until rising on the top of the next she drove ahead again.

After breakfast all hands were called and set at work clearing the damage of the rigging, and the trouble of the sea-sickness, which was soon remedied by the majority of us, but it appeared to be very hard to some. Indeed we were favored with one or two who were unable to learn the whole voyage.

By the next day the gale having subsided and the weather continuing pleasant, and the [illegible] about ceased, and our sea-sickness about gone, we began to feel like ourselves once more.

And now I took an observation of the crew, which consisted of the Captain, the first, second, third and fourth mates, each of whom had the command of a boat, and four boat-steerers, a steward, cook, and a cooper, a Dutchman of about the age of sixty, who had shipped not to go aloft, which he never did but once during the voyage and then only in the main gale. There were sixteen men before the mast, only one of whom had ever been to sea before, and he had only one [illegible] months' voyage in an Atlantic sperm whaler, going what is called from the shortness of it a "plum pudding" voyage. He was a [illegible] of the name of Butler, and belonged to the island of [illegible]. We had one seaman [illegible], who was pricked on his breast and arms with Indian ink, representing ships, anchors, &c, and who bragged about how many years he had served in a man of war, until we began to look at him as an old sailor, which he further took care to impress on our minds by saying, "Never mind, boys, what you don't know I'll tell you." But what was our surprise when on being set to work, we found that he was as green as any of us, and if he had ever been to sea before, must have been as a marine or something similar, for he did not know the first thing about a vessel. In fact, he was one of those that never [illegible] the rigging and [illegible]. He immediately subsided into his proper place amid the jeers of the rest of us, and he went by the name of [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the rest of the voyage.

Another was named [illegible] and he claimed [illegible], and [illegible] came all the way from there to go to sea, having [illegible] a ship [illegible] in [illegible], where he was shipped for one month's advance, as many of whaler ships [illegible]. He was given the name of [illegible], which he [illegible]. There were on the watch [illegible] a simple fellow named [illegible] who was given the name of Duff on account of his [illegible], and which he answered to [illegible]. The next watch [illegible] an [illegible]

Thompson, and the next by a [illegible] [illegible] by the name of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who went to the [illegible] [illegible] natural [illegible] of growing. Then came a [illegible] by the name of Robinson, a sort of a dandy, who when first out set [illegible] up as the aristocracy of the forecastle, but soon found that it was the [illegible] [illegible] in the world to [illegible] on airs, and after a [illegible] [illegible] the attempt a failure, condescended to come down to a level with the rest of us. The next berth was occupied by a tall [illegible] [illegible], named Brown, from the country, who knew nothing and could not be taught anything about a ship. He [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the hand and he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the rest of the crew [illegible] to [illegible], and I have no doubt that he was [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible]. He could also play the [illegible] which accompaniment [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] with delight, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. But with all this he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] of a sailor, and what he took a notion to get into his head [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible].

Then came a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] named [illegible], from a country [illegible] named [illegible], who had shipped for his health, although [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it was evident that he was [illegible] [illegible]. Then came [illegible] [illegible] by the name of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the name of [illegible], the four last together with your humble servant being Landsmen. The last in the list was a dainty kind of a chap always sighing for the joys he left behind him. He did not like to wet his hands with tar and therefore received the name of Lady. So now you have the crew, which numbered fore and aft 27 men, which number was temporarily increased to 29. by two Portuguese passengers bound, one to the Western and the other to the Cape de Verd Islands.

We were now principally occupied in stretching and riding whale lines, grinding harpoons and lances, heading out our provisions and stowing them away, and when it was calm lowering the boats and practising with the oars and paddles.

As soon as we had one fairly settled into a sea life and a little acquainted with each other, packs of cards began to make their appearance, backed by plugs of tobacco, which soon became the circulating currency on board ship, as nearly every man [illegible] [illegible] or plugs of tobacco. Each man in the forecastle had received from 10 to 20 pounds of [illegible]. Then now gambling commenced. It was started at first by the pound and then by the hand, until at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] scarce that a head [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible], and each [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the same [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], until finally nearly all the tobacco in the forecastle was in the hands of the [illegible] 3 most skillful men.

Two or three weeks passed in this way when one afternoon a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the cry from masthead, "There she blows." "Where away," sings out the Captain. "Four points abeam," is the answer. "What do they look like?" "Sperm whales, sir." Aloft goes the captain with his glass and takes a look at them. "Call all hands." "Aye, aye, sir," and the watch below are on the deck in double quick time. "Back the main topsail," comes from aloft "and stand by the boats." We are already at our stations waiting for the order to lower away, which is now given and away we go. The whales which when we started were about two miles off, are not going very fast, so that we come up with them rapidly. But now they go down and we cease paddling, for [illegible] that under water they can hear [illegible] than if they were on the surface. We had waited for them only about fifteen minutes, when we were startled by a tremendous noise close to us, and by the whale appearing close to the boat, followed by the rest of his companions. [illegible] in the middle of the school. This was the first whale that I had had the pleasure of seeing. I will own that in seeing the immensity of this sea monster I was startled a little bit. But looking at my companions, and seeing that they seemed to be [illegible] as ever, I said to myself, well, I can [illegible] it as long as they can. At this moment we were [illegible] the head of the boat, and the fourth mate who managed [illegible] [illegible] scattering, [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] any of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it down." "[illegible] uses three or four irons, and the boatsteerer's duty is to have two of these ready for instant use. One of them are made fast to the end of the main line, and the other to what is called a short warp, a line about 10 or 12 fathoms in length, and connected with the main line by a knot called a running bowline. Our boatsteerer accordingly darted his two irons towards the whale, but they both failed to reach him. "Why didn't you fasten" says our mate "He was too far off" is the answer. "Give it to that one, then" cries the fourth mate, as one comes blowing up against the boat. Having got his irons again into the boat, he takes one and darts again. It goes clear over him, and into the water the other side, and then he throws the other which strikes [illegible] [illegible], and falls off into the water, and the whale disappeared in an instant, and that was the last that we saw of that school. "Oh! you [illegible] [illegible]," says the mate, "what did you miss them whales for". The poor boatsteerer had nothing to say, for he was so completely what is termed in whalers' parlance, "gallied" that he hardly knew whether he was on his head or feet. The whales coming up so suddenly around him had completely confused him.

It being now useless to continue further pursuit of the whale, and the other boats being some distance from the ship, we took in our sails and pulled alongside. As [illegible] the unlucky boatsteerer came over the rail, the Captain sings out, "what did you miss them whales for". "I didn't have a good chance, sir," he answered. "You lie, sir, I was watching you through the glass" answered the Captain, "and if you miss another [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the next [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

# Chapter II.

## To the Western Islands.

Our daily diet on board ship was as follows! On Mondays, had for dinner, salt beef and a little pork, a barrel of pork having to last as long as two of beef. Tuesday, boiled beans. Wednesdays, pork, and when there was rice. Thursdays, boiled flour pudding, called Duff. Fridays beans again. Saturdays, boiled salt potatoes, and Sundays Duff again. Each morning for breakfast we had either potatoes and meat hashed up together with coffee, or scouse, a mess made of ship bread soaked over night and boiled up in the morning with beef cut up and sliced potatoes. For supper, hard bread and beef with tea, and plenty of molasses, each man being allowed a quart a week which was amply sufficient if not wasted, and besides this we had another luxury once in a while when a keg was broken, soft bread, pickles, &c.

But some of the crew having an eye for the luxuries of life, began to invent dishes of their own. One day after dinner Duff the simple fellow before mentioned, took some hard bread, and pounding it up, soaking it in water, and and then mixing it with molasses and some of the fat boiled out of the beef, filled his pan with it and carrying it to the galley got the cook to bake it for him. The cook having baked it while he was on deck, took half of it, upon which Duff [illegible] deposited it in his chest until supper time and went on deck again, thinking no doubt, that he would have a grand supper on Lobscouse as he called it. But the old adage "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," proved as true in this case as it ever did.

for Duff in going to his chest found that some one had abstracted his supper, leaving the empty tin. Filled with indignation at his loss, away he goes aft and reports to the captain that some one has been stealing from him. "What did they steal" asks the captain. "A lobscouse, sir" was the reply. "What the h—l's that" asked the skipper. Whereupon Duff gave him an account of what a lobscouse was composed of. "Did you get enough to eat?" asks the captain. "Yes sir" says Duff. "Clear out then, and don't come to me bothering about your lobscouse." Poor Duff started forward crestfallen enough. But aside from all this his chest had been broken into, which was not exactly fair play, and so it he was doing duty [illegible] it seem. "You find out who it was that opened your chest" [illegible] then. He never found out.

We had now been out from home about three weeks, and were beginning to get accustomed to life at sea, but there was one thing that we thought would take some time for us to get used to, of which the following is a sample.

One afternoon as the watch below were turning out at four o'clock, one of the men having mislaid his cap, could not find it readily and therefore was the last man to get on deck. As he came out of the forecastle, the mate, who was standing by, hit him on the side of his head saying "what are you doing down there so long." "Nothing sir can, sir," says Dan and stepping up to the mate says "if you ever strike me again I will knock you down." As Dan was a large stout man, and fully capable of carrying his threat into execution, the mate who did not dream of resistance, was evidently staggered, but began to bluster and swear and the captain coming forward wanted to know what the matter was. On being told he turned round to Dan, "what are you going to do aboard this ship." "I am going to try to do my duty sir," says Dan, "but I won't be struck by any man." "Well" says the captain you do your duty and nobody will strike you, and then turning to the mate, "when there's any striking to be done on board this ship, I'll do it myself," and away he walks aft followed by the crestfallen mate, who did not venture to strike any one else for some time, and then his victory was far from complete. But of this more in its proper place.

One day soon after this, one of the crew saw some fish swimming along with the vessel, and called us to look at them. They were pronounced by those who [illegible] to be dolphin, and a rush was made for lines and hooks, in hopes of catching one as they are very good eating. Presently a [illegible] I got it and baited it with a white rag as I saw others do and flung it over the side. It had barely touched the water before it was [illegible] and I began to pull, but as he was a large one my line would not hold him but he [illegible] as soon as he was clear of the water [illegible] and the rest of the [illegible] [illegible], and we saw no more of them.

A morning or two after this the [illegible] [illegible] something floating in the water about a mile off. It was [illegible] went over to see what it was. It proved to be a ship's topmast, and had evidently been in the water a long time. It was covered with barnacles and greatly worm-eaten; and swimming about underneath were hundreds of albicore and other fish. We tried to catch some of them, but they would not bite. After the spar was exam-ined we did not disturb it, but left it to float on till it became waterlogged or went ashore.

A few days after this we were roused up from our monotonous life by the exciting cry, "Land ho," from the masthead. "Where away," from deck. "Right ahead," is the answer. As it was just visible from the masthead, of course we could not see it from deck, but as the ship was going eleven knots, in the course of an hour we caught a glimpse as the waves rose on the south of what seemed to be a cloud but it continued to grow larger until we could not mistake it for anything else but land. And as we kept nearing it we could see the cliffs and hills with many indentations and their peculiar shapes and outlines, and in two or three hours we were running alongside of the island of Flores, Western Islands.

# Chapter III.

## From Flores to Cape De Verde

As we sailed near the coast it was beautiful to see the green hillsides with the clouds floating around their summits and dotted here and there with cottages and the rocky precipitous cliffs with the breakers thundering at their base and sending up clouds of spray high in air displaying all the colors of the rainbow in the sunshine. When we had run down the coast sufficiently we came to the wind and backed our top sails. Boats were starting from the shore and soon we were boarded by a motley crowd of islanders principally clothed in rags who had brought off their commodities for a trade. The only thing in the shape of fruit were fresh figs which found a ready sale. They also had "what sailors call "jackass cheeses." These are small cheeses about the size of a common saucer made of goats milk and nearly as hard as flint. One of them would step up to you "I say, you you present me one old shirt no never been wore me presente you one jackass cheese." Thus as their liberal offers were all declined they were soon glad to negotiate for "bolach," as they call hard bread. As it was now getting dark they soon disposed of what they had and started for shore.

The captain having come on board, we stood off shore again for the night and then stood in again. During the night it blew so hard that we were forced to shorten sail to our topsails but by morning it had subsided to a moderate breeze. In the forenoon a boat was sent ashore after the captain and third mate who had gone ashore with the [illegible] [illegible] friends, [illegible] being a native of this place [illegible] [illegible] do not [illegible] any place to land but kept following right on the breakers it seemed, but when we had nearly reached them a little opening in the reef made its appearance about the width of the ship, through which we passed [illegible]. Watching our chance we dashed in through it and into smooth water beyond, and when we reached the beach the islanders immediately seized the boat and dragged it up high and dry.

While waiting for the captain we took a stroll around. About a dozen huts were clustered together and formed the town [illegible]. The people were the most squalid, miserable looking set of humans that I ever beheld, [illegible] ragged and dirty, and the women [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Captain [illegible] told that one Canadian here had [illegible] many years and [illegible] about 500 dollars, which made him a rich man in this community. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It is only [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would be preferable to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] leaving.

The Captain soon made his appearance, and we launched the boat and returned to the ship. For a while [illegible] a boat came off, bringing potatoes, onions, pumpkins, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who were shipped for the voyage. They had nothing on but an old shirt and [illegible] which hung about them in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] told them that they quired for was "bolach," and when given some bread and meat they devoured it as though they had had nothing to eat for a long time. We were informed that the islanders in general hardly could get enough to eat, and meat was a great rarity.

Having obtained all that we wanted we were about to bound on our course, when "sail O," was shouted and looking to windward a vessel was seen coming rapidly down before the wind, and in a short time she was plainly to be seen. She proved to be the bark Maria of New Bedford, and was just out from home, bound on a sperm whaling voyage. Her captain boarded us and staid about half an hour, and then we parted company, she standing in towards the land and we standing on our desired course towards the Cape De Verds.

And now we went on smoothly with a moderate breeze for about ten days, when one morning at daybreak the lookout again sang out "Land O," and soon after breakfast we came up to the island as near as we wished. It was the island of St. Antonio, and the home of our second passenger, who some years before had left it to go to sea to make his fortune and was now returning with the proceeds of his voyages, the owners allowing him on board with the condition to leave at the island on the passage out. Soon after breakfast the captain bade him to get his chest on deck and all ready for landing, but this was unnecessary, as he had been ready ever since the land had been first discovered. In a short time we were as near as we could get to the shore, Valentine, the name of our passenger acting as pilot. [illegible] presented the shore at present the appearance of a lone rock, with the waves dashing over it, and no house or person to be seen, but as Valentine said that there was a landing concluded that it was all right, and kept on and as we began to see that we had got to go through the breakers a small opening through still smaller than that at Fiero, and rushing through we entered a little lagoon not twenty feet wide and as smooth as a millpond the shore of which was lined with houses of which the population consisted with the exception of a few white foreigners. And now we began to see something in the fruit line as all the natives had brought it with them to the boat. Oranges, bananas, cocoanuts, grapes, [illegible] apples, a fruit resembling the musk melon but growing on a small tree with a yellow outside of a [illegible] [illegible], of the consistence of a melon, and filled with little round black seeds.

The Captain had told us that as the schooner could get no further, therefore we would have a long pull [illegible], we had taken the precaution to bring some with us and the point [illegible] [illegible] before, but as they [illegible] at first to have a hard [illegible] we were not much of a hurry to [illegible]. As the Captain left the boat, he told the crew to take a run round the place for an hour, leaving one in charge of the boat, and he would [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

As I was left in charge, I had a chance to take a glance around. The [illegible] was surrounded by a crowd of natives [illegible] [illegible] were clothed, and the rest were either naked or nearly so. But [illegible] [illegible] them [illegible]. They [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], and when given a chew they showed great satisfaction. I now made a bargain with one of them giving him a plug of tobacco for a bag of oranges holding about a bushel. He seemed to be satisfied and I certainly was, for the tobacco cost me at home five cents a plug.

The land where we laid appeared to consist of coral rock, which extended inland some two or three hundred yards, and at first sight gave the island a sterile appearance, but judging by the quantities of fruit brought down to the beach, there must be a fertile spot somewhere in the interior.

Being now relieved by one of the men, I started up the beach, and found the rest of the party in a little shanty, discussing the merits of "aguadiente," a liquor distilled from the sap of the cocoanut tree, and the merit of which consisted in its being strong and fiery enough to satisfy any [illegible]. The natives [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] to go into their houses and [illegible] of [illegible], for which they expected a piece of tobacco. The huts were built of mud baked in the sun, then whitewashed outside, and at a distance looked very well.

The captain now ordering us to carry some things down to the boat, we [illegible] to where the tobacco was, the market kept by a white [illegible] with whom the whalers had been dealing. Each one shouldering a bag and one a bunch of fruit and another a bunch of bananas, we started for the boat, where with one of the natives whom the [illegible] had shipped to make out our number. We found in the course of the voyage, that nearly every whaler [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the number with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] away from [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] remained. Some years ago a report [illegible], there was a famine here and the government sent out provisions to the starving natives, which was taken possession of by the governor of these stations and sold to the natives making them pay for what they had in store. This information we obtained from [illegible], our new [illegible] native, who said that at the time mentioned he nearly starved, and a great many of the natives actually did. After we had reached the ship he came up to me and asked for something to eat in English, of which he seemed to have quite a smattering, picked up by intercourse with the men of vessels. He could also read, and was intelligent enough to learn so that in a week or two he was far ahead of the other Esquimaux. I gave him some bread, meat, and molasses, and he sat down and made a hearty meal, and one and another joining [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to both parties respectively.

The women of these regions are about [illegible] [illegible] than those of the Southern [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible]. But I do not suppose that they would [illegible] as the [illegible] standard [illegible] as to the manner of judging of them as by the customs of [illegible], which generally speaking, is [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] communities, [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] better than the [illegible].

# Chapter IV.

## From Cape De Verds to the Pacific.

We laid at this island until sunset when we started on our course again and in about a week found ourselves in the 'doldrums' so called by sailors. We would have it calm and still and in an hour perhaps we would be in the midst of a squall of wind and rain blowing hard for an hour followed by a calm again to be succeeded by a squall &c, but with all this we had some rare sport for a fisherman. The ship was followed all the time by albicore and skipjacks and when the vessel was going through the water with any speed they would bite but the best time to catch them was when she was on the wind or going a little free. then going out on the bowsprit and jibboom we would fling our lines over baited with a white rag and letting the wind carry it to leeward and keeping it on the surface [illegible] it [illegible] they would take it to be flying fish and seize it instantly when [illegible] them in and slipping a bowline over their tail we would carry them aft on deck where those who were not fishing would go cleaning and salting them in barrels. The small ones are very good eating but the large ones are coarse and dry. They vary from two to ten pounds in weight seldom exceeding that although we caught one during the voyage that weighed over one hundred pounds.

As we entered the [illegible] and the [illegible] influence of the trades, we took advantage of the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thing was to be done. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] advantage of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] themselves out on their chests and stay away, leaving you [illegible] on deck to do their share of work when it came to be done. One man- [illegible] jack was in the habit of doing the [illegible] night a number of us got a tail block and [illegible] it to the forestay, which was directly over the hatchway, we rove a line through it and one of us taking the [illegible] went down into the forecastle and [illegible] it on to his leg gave the signal, which we answered by [illegible] away [illegible] jack out with a yell which awakened the watch below. He began to swear [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] him on deck. He came up growling and rubbing his leg, which he swore was almost broken, but this was mere sham. The truth was that when we began to haul, he [illegible] that we meant [illegible], and all the way that he could save himself from being [illegible] by the leg was to yell and declared that the leg was broken. It cured him from his ways of skipping below for a long time.

Another time Brown the [illegible] took a notion to have a nap below, and one of us going below and finding him there, we concluded that we would try it on him, especially as he was one of the ablest in [illegible] us to [illegible]. One of us therefore slipped down and [illegible] on to his leg and skipping on deck again we gave a pull, and what was our surprise when instead of starting Brown along, it [illegible] one of the [illegible] in the hatchway [illegible] [illegible] which lay about the forecastle deck promiscuously. [illegible] by the [illegible] of [illegible] it [illegible] until the [illegible] reached the deck when he immediately [illegible] off and made it fast to the becket of the chest owned by the man that bent on to him. The [illegible] was that the chest was capsized, and the contents spilt, which caused as much sport to us all as if it had been [illegible]. except the owner, who had no other recourse but to acknowledge the corn.

While in the doldrums the weather was so warm that it was almost impossible to sleep below, and it being squally so that we could not sleep on deck, we would lay in our bunks [illegible] trying to woo the drowsy god and read [illegible] for sport. One evening it being unusually hot and sultry, the cook, a [illegible] of the crew, who had all night in, was lying in his bunk [illegible] at the heat, when all at once a long [illegible] from the other side of the forecastle landed in his bunk. "Who [illegible] that?" [illegible] old shoe. "Who is that?" he repeated [illegible]. The next instant an old [illegible] and then around the doctor, [illegible] Some of the watch on deck, hearing the noise, had gathered around the hatch, [illegible] of the [illegible] a bucket of water on his head [illegible]. [illegible] no [illegible] and [illegible] on deck, but when he got there [illegible] so after [illegible] his [illegible] and [illegible] that he was [illegible] back into the forecastle [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] sleep apparently [illegible] no recourse but to [illegible] opportunity.

That he [illegible] joke, was [illegible] by the [illegible] our duff which always before was light and good, now began to partake of the character of lead and was impossible to be eaten. We stood it a number of times, when one day it was worse than ever, one of the crew taking the kid that contained it, walked aft and showing it to the skipper, asked him if he considered it fit for anybody to eat. The captain looked at it, but it did not seem to give much satisfaction and the duff was brought back again, and at meal time thrown overboard. The cook, who from the captain's remarks on this occasion thought that he could do as he pleased, went on in the same way. Next duff day about dinner time, the skipper came forward, and when the cook had dished it up in the kid for the men's dinner he walked round to the lee side of the galley and says, "Cook, hand me a knife." He takes the knife, cuts the duff in two pieces, looks at it a spell, and all at once he hits the cook by the ear, at the same time saying, " an you. I didn't ship you to spoil good grub. Look at that duff. If you ever cook such another one while you are on this ship I'll knock your head right off of you." The cook was half frightened to death and did not dare to say a word. It is needless to say that we had no occasion to complain of our duff after this.

Speaking of duff reminds me of another little incident which transpired a little while before. One evening as Duff (not the cook's duff, but our 'Duff') was lying upon the fore hatch enjoying the evening with some mischievous [illegible] [illegible] his hair and face with tar. A short time afterward waking up and finding it out, he at first tried to find out the author of it and failing in that he pointed aft to where the captain and mate were walking, and began to make his complaint to the captain "that some one had been tarring him." "What did you let them for?" "I didn't know it sir." "You were asleep, then. They wouldn't have done it if you hadn't been. Keep awake and you won't get tarred. Clear out and don't you come to me with any more of your complaints." He could get no satisfaction either forward or aft, and was forced to swallow it down, saying that if he ever found out who it was he would serve them the same.

About this time we had to break out all our provisions to get at some articles that were underneath. So all the after guard were up on deck, all getting drunk together. At noon the cook sang out, "dinner." One of the hands named Thompson, took the meat kid and started forward with it, but at the forecastle hatch was met by Rogers, one of the Englishmen, who told him to wait until the rest of the men came, most of them being aloft at work. Everything in company of them, it was not the first one at it, Rogers took hold of the kid to stop him, when Thompson, jerking it away from him, fetched it into the forecastle meat and all. Upon which Rogers struck him and the other Englishmen, all in all went hammer and tongs until Thompson, finding him too much for him, sang out "enough" and gave up. The two were then separated by the captain, who immediately sent one to the mizzen top, and the other put in the [illegible] house, where they were kept until sunset, when they were called down.

and in consideration of it being the first fight that had taken place they were let off with a slight reprimand, the skipper telling them that the next two that he caught fighting, he would flog.

Duff a short time afterwards, found out who the principal one in the tarring business was and he found out it to be Thompson. Walking together on deck one day, they got into an altercation about it, and proceeded from one word to another, until Thompson struck him, upon which each dropped his work, and went at each other. The captain who was on deck immediately stopped them and had them seized up in the rigging and he told them that as he had threatened to flog the next two who should be caught fighting, he should now do so. This being the second fight and Thompson concerned in them both. He gave them a dozen lashes over their clothes, and sent them forward with some tingling sensations rather smarting, for the time being.

This Thompson was a quarrelsome kind of fellow, always in a quarrel with some of the crew, and in reality all the quarrels that took place while he was on board, one of the parties was he, neither [illegible] [illegible] that he was in the ship [illegible] day we had to make the best of it.

The mate who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] that Duff was made the butt of the others, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Duff stood it meekly [illegible] till one Saturday afternoon when all hands were called at four o'clock we went to work decks and get ready for Sunday. We all turned out but Duff, who was awakened a number of times, but would drop asleep again, until at last we went on deck without him. Being missed by the mate, he came to the hatch and hollered down, which brought him out of his bunk instanter. Half on his clothes he soon appeared on deck, when the mate taking him by the ear marched him aft as far as the quarter deck where the captain was, and saying, 'asleep in his bunk sir,' gave him a twist around by the ear, at the same time slapping him in the face with the other hand, not thinking of any resistance being offered. But the slap rather waked Duff up, who instantly planted one of his fists between the mate's eyes, which astonished him for a moment, and the next instant he and Duff had grabbed one another by the hair, when the captain coming up parted them, saying to the mate, "what d--n baby's play is this?" sent him below, and ordered Duff to the rigging. We then went below, and we could hear him and the mate quarreling together, but were unable to distinguish the words. After a while the captain came on deck, and ordering Duff, sent him forwards without saying much to him. It was evident that the mate was to blame in striking him, especially before the captain, who had forbidden him before, and who was [illegible] to notice it now, as he otherwise [illegible] discharge him. We think it was [illegible] the mate was good for quite a spell.

We got clear of the doldrums after a while and were rapidly advancing into cooler weather, until it became necessary to put on warmer clothing. Then were we obliged to overhaul our winter clothes and put them ready. The captain had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Passengers [illegible] a supply of clothing, including shoes and stockings which they did not know what to do with, some having had a pair of shoes on their feet, which looked as if they had never worn socks all their life being bare at home. As we got into cold weather they were forced to try them, and they all made out finally to wear them but one, and he after going on deck a number of times with his old slippers in readiness, came below one day, and taking them off, deposited them in the bottom of his chest, from which no entreaties of the commanding officer could make him withdraw them, but would go on deck with his stockings on and stand their watch, but he soon made himself sick, and was confined below until he died, having thrown himself into a consumption.

# Chapter V.

## To Pleasant Island.

We had seen whales but once since we left home, but we were now on sperming ground and soon expected to see them; so in a day or two we were saluted by the cry of "there blows" and they were soon ascertained to be right whales. Accordingly all hands was called and the boats lowered, and we were soon in pursuit. The whales soon went down, and when they came up they were close to the first mate who started for them but all at once they disappeared and we saw no more of them. It seems the mate had crossed their wake and their eyes are so placed that they can see anything directly behind them. So we had no other recourse but to return to the ship. We cruised about here a few days but saw no more whales on this ground.

One morning after this, we spoke the ship Wm. C. Nye of New Bedford, homeward bound, and we sent letters by her to our friends at home. A few days after this we sighted the coast of New Zealand, and from that time we began to head northerly and of course made warmer weather.

Nothing of interest now transpired for a long time, the weather being warmer, and our time being occupied with fitting the rigging [illegible] sails, making [illegible] [illegible] when the decks would be scrubbed and [illegible] by that time supper would be ready, and then our time was our own until the [illegible] of the [illegible] necessary work till the night watch, and many times we would collect on deck, and the fiddle would be set in motion and some would dance and others would sing songs, and so the evenings would pass quickly enough.

In almost every case there are two [illegible] those that are always ready to shirk when they can find a chance; hurrying to the lee side when a sail is clued up to get rid of furling it; never hauling when the officer of the deck sings out for one to "come that way"; but when hauling on a rope where all hands are assembled making more noise than all the rest put together; relieving the man at the wheel as it is called, when it is their turn to relieve him, by keeping him five or ten minutes after his time: these are some of the characteristics of those we have with us. Among these were the Portuguese who seized every opportunity of getting out of work. It was very difficult to make them understand anything about work, but if it was about dinner or eating they would comprehend instantly. I am speaking of the whole Portuguese but Antone, the boat-steerer was smart, willing and intelligent, which was the entire reverse of the others.

As it is a sailor's privilege to growl, it certainly was never more exercised by anyone than it was by Turner the Englishman. He was continually growling at this, that and the other. He would get up growling, and he would turn in growling. He would growl at the ship, the officers and crew, but when he opened his mouth to a word, some one would say, "Turner's going to growl." It certainly did him no good, although he said that it was, but without it he's a baby, and a disagreeable habit it was too. He could not utter anything but as the old saying "grant you may but [illegible] you won't" and in full force on board of a ship. However, with all his failings he was a smart fellow to work, and got along very well, insomuch as he took good care not to let the officers hear him growl.

We had nearly reached the Line, when one afternoon we fell in with a school of blackfish, and lowered away and started for them. We had very little trouble in getting up to them and soon had our iron into one. He went to thrash around and threaten to stave the boat but we hauled up to him and lanced him, and he soon turned up.

The rest of the school, when we got through, immediately disappeared, with the exception of the mate of the one we were fast to, who kept swimming around us, approaching as near as he dared to his dead companion. But he was not destined to survive him long, for one of the other boats soon fastened to him and as they are easily killed, he was soon fin up. We got three barrels and a half of oil out of the two which were large ones, the average being about one.

We often caught porpoises, and when the wind was blowing fresh and the ship throwing the foam "white", they would often appear under the bowsprit and around the bows, sporting in the foam, and appearing to take great delight in it. But there is seldom a sweet without its bitter, for some of us would take an iron and getting down by the martingale, would watch our chance when one passed underneath, and dart at him, and if successful in striking one, the rest of us would haul it on to deck. We would get from a pailful to a pailful and a half of oil out of a good sized porpoise, which is very nice and "clear," and would make the finest of burning oil.

One day soon after we had taken the sandalwood we were aroused by the cry of [illegible] right ahead, from aloft, and having a fair breeze we would soon be at [illegible], and as we drew in we could [illegible] [illegible] it was covered with [illegible], even to the beach, which was the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible], which without [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] still within a short [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] we found. [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] with which these waters are studded, and it has the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] on the chart. When we [illegible] [illegible] as near as we wished, we came to and waited for the natives to come off and [illegible] as they always do, but having waited some time we were about squaring away, when a canoe started from the shore, containing a [illegible] native, who [illegible] in [illegible]. He informed the [illegible] that the chief had [illegible] a "taboo" [illegible] on board, and therefore they could not come off, but he intimated that a [illegible] of [illegible] presented to the chief would [illegible] the "taboo," and [illegible] cause them to go on. [illegible] the captain [illegible] [illegible] to see the native [illegible] his departure for the shore, and we laid our course for Pleasant island, about one hundred miles distant from this one.

[illegible] we ran about as far as our reckoning [illegible] we hauled our fore-yard and [illegible] to the wind [illegible] [illegible] when [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. For the course of an hour land was observed looking as [illegible] as possible [illegible] the [illegible] we waited the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before the ship got near, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with natives, both men and women. Just before they reached the ship the women jumped overboard and swam for us. The canoes reaching the ship about the same time, the men clambering up into the chains politely assisted them on board by pulling them up by the hair of their heads and getting them safely on deck would march them up to us and pointing at them would say 'Tobak.' As for modesty that was all left on shore as is usual of [illegible] on board of a ship, but [illegible] as was [illegible] seen. The men were entirely naked, and the women nearly so, wearing nothing but a bunch of weeds or rushes fastened around their hips and reaching half way to their knees. They were in the market for anything for a piece of tobacco an inch square, which they would hand to their husbands, (if they had any such institution) or father, or whoever it might be, who would receive it with greatest delight.

While the women were engaged in their traffic, the men would be busily engaged among the crew, selling [illegible] and [illegible] cocoanuts and fine [illegible] made of the fibre of the bark of the tree. The cocoanut is about the only fruit growing on their islands, and it is invaluable to the natives, who convert it to a hundred different uses. The [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] about the thickness of [illegible] etc, and a quantity of [illegible] and slightly [illegible]. Their [illegible] with the [illegible], and [illegible] of the [illegible] they [illegible] from the [illegible] they make a very [illegible] figure. [illegible] the [illegible] ornament, [illegible] any [illegible]. On [illegible] [illegible] able to resist. In their trade with vessels the general currency is tobacco, but they will not refuse fish hooks, looking glasses, &c. but they prefer tobacco to any thing. Offer them a piece of money for an article and see how quick they wont take it. In their appearance they are about the color of a copper cent. The year round they have about little or none, as they strip it off, and their bodies are covered with cocoanut oil, which gives them a smooth and sleek appearance.

The natives of this island always have had the reputation of being cannibals, and while they were on board I went up to one and stripping my arm made a movement as if about to bite a piece out and looking at him inquired, good? He looked at me, and turning to another one said something to him, and then feeling of my arm continued talking to his companion, probably telling him that if he had me on shore he would soon find out how good I was.

We bought some pigs and fowls, and yams and cocoanuts to feed them with, and towards night squared away. The moment the natives saw this, they sprang for their canoes and paddled for the land. Their canoes were very long and narrow, carrying an outrigger to keep them steady, and were capable of containing twenty or thirty, half sitting on one side and half on the other, and each taking a paddle they would all dip them at the same instant in perfect concert together, and by that means would urge them through the water with great velocity.

# Chapter VI.

## The island of Guam.

Our course was now shaped for the island of Guam, where we intended to get wood and water. We had a beautiful passage thither, the wind being steady and moderate, and in fine weather, so that [illegible] sail [illegible]. Stages were rigged over the side, and all hands were employed in scraping the chains and scraping the rust from the outside of the vessel, preparatory to painting, when we arrived in port. We were all thus engaged one afternoon, when all at once we were startled by the cry of "a man overboard," and we instantly sprang to a boat which was kept in readiness for lowering, and dropping it into the water it was instantly manned and started for the swimmer, who we soon ascertained to be Dennis. While this was going on, the ship was brought to the wind and her headway checked. On hearing the alarm, the captain [illegible] to the stern, arrived there just as Dennis was drifting past, and sang out to him not to be frightened, as he would soon be rescued. By the time the boat was in motion, he was half a [illegible] astern, but being a good swimmer, he had no difficulty in [illegible] himself until the boat reached him. The manner in which the accident happened was this. [illegible] had been rigged over the [illegible] [illegible], and Dennis was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The ship being before the wind, [illegible] and then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the stage, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the mate, who happened to be looking [illegible] at the time, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

A day or two before we made Guam, we raised a school of sperm whales, and the ship was [illegible] brought to the wind, [illegible] [illegible]. We were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but the whales [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] part of a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the whale [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] waiting for the movement of [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The whale [illegible] to the [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before they went down. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them. The [illegible] being [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] darting [illegible] [illegible] them, [illegible] they went down, [illegible] [illegible] toward the ship, and we [illegible] [illegible] them. It was now evident to all of us that the mate [illegible] with the [illegible] was the reason that we did not get a chance at them, for [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible] the ship [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] they were [illegible], he would [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We now began to think that our officers were not infallible in the art of whalecatching. We [illegible] [illegible] and had not [illegible] [illegible] a whale, although the [illegible] times [illegible] the [illegible] of the boat [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] to the ship the [illegible] [illegible] mate had some words [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] we made the island of [illegible], one of the [illegible] group, and setting a signal on a point, and soon came off and took charge of [illegible]. He was a native of the island, and spoke the Russian language, to which government the island is subject. After running down the [illegible], we came to the entrance of the harbor, which was located by another native [illegible] dressed in dungaree shirt and pants, [illegible] announced formally as the captain of the port.

We entered the harbor, which is formed by a [illegible] across the entrance, [illegible] a spacious and perfectly secure anchorage, in which we dropped our anchor, and found [illegible] for the first time since leaving home.

[illegible] wood and water, [illegible] one or two years from home, [illegible]. All evening we were visited by a [illegible], and the [illegible]. A [illegible] would come on board, and after [illegible] conversation the question would be asked "Are any of your crew from [illegible]?" [illegible] the [illegible] half year that by our inquiries we would find [illegible] acquaintances, at least [illegible], which in this part of the world was almost the same thing, [illegible] to an acquaintance [illegible], each [illegible] the other with what he most wanted [illegible]. And not only these, but I myself [illegible] fallen in with old friends in this part of the world, [illegible] was the next best thing to hearing from home, [illegible] by the [illegible] of others, and the [illegible] of the vessel that they were in, so that when a vessel was reported in sight, [illegible] it was not uncommon to hear [illegible] "I should like to get aboard that vessel, for I know a chap in her, &c." [illegible] for these reasons, they told us that the water sources, whatever were, that the first reason was they would give, the second beg, and the third steal, so they began begging us for tobacco, tools, blankets, with which we liberally supplied them.

The captain has gone ashore when the ship first anchored, leaving the mate in charge of the ship. The town being two or three miles from the harbor, the captain of a ship usually takes up their quarters ashore, coming off once in two or three days. When he came on board again, he gave orders for the starboard watch to get ready to go ashore on them any liberty. They got ready in an incredibly short space of time and took their departure; and we [illegible] the other [illegible] their return in [illegible] style.

They came on board the evening of the third day, and the next [illegible] we [illegible] our liberty, and went down in the boat to the shore. We were in a hurry [illegible] the shore and the town being 2 miles from there, we were obliged to walk that distance [illegible] the place we were. As we were in no hurry, we made a visit to some of the [illegible] which we saw growing. The [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible], are [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] from fifty to a hundred feet, the top surmounted by a cluster of branches, covered with gigantic leaves, and bearing clusters of cocoanuts in various stages of ripeness.

The inhabitants of this [illegible] are very friendly, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] tongue, and of course are Catholics. They dress lightly, the men generally wearing a loose jacket and pants, and the women loose dresses of calico. The women generally present a healthy appearance, and some of them are very handsome; but all the natives are copper colored, though not so dark as the Kanakas. There are some white people here, but mostly inhabitants of old Spain.

Having our fiddles with us, we went from one hut to another, giving them a tune at each, which would please them very much, and to show their appreciation of it they would procure a bottle of aguardiente or brandy, and treat us to a glass, which would consist of a cocoanut shell, until it became evident that this would not do if we intended to get to the town, or before long we should be incapable of walking anywhere. So we started on for the town.

Our way led along close to the water's edge, with cocoanut trees growing on each side, and thickly interspersed with banana, lemon and orange trees yielding a delicious perfume which we inhaled with delight; and a gentle breeze fanning our cheeks, with the birds singing all around us, made it seem like a paradise. After going two or three miles we came to a spring at the foot of a high ridge, where we stopped for a drink of pure cold water, and then sat down to enjoy the scenery around us. Stretching away as far as the eye could reach was the boundless ocean, while the breakers dashing on the beach with a monotonous roar seemed to be saying, "what right has the little speck of land to stop our farther progress." To us who had been so long confined to ship-board, there was a sense of exhilaration in the very touch of the feet to the ground, and the changing scene, the singing of the birds, & the fragrance of the woods, &

gether with the surrounding [illegible] of everything about us, made us feel that we could be contented to pass the rest of our lives in the [illegible] land of the sea. Such was our first feeling, but we soon found that a much shorter time would satisfy us, the feeling wearing off in a few days, and then the prospect of leaving a [illegible] on the lonely place would be contemplated with anything but delight.

We now proceeded on our way, and had gone probably a mile, when all at once I heard someone calling my name, and looking round a little from the road, who should I see but Jack the [illegible], and another [illegible] belonging to some other ship, chained together, and guarded by two soldiers. We went to where they were and inquired the reason for what we saw. I [illegible] learned that a night or two before, they had got into a difficulty with some of the natives, and being [illegible] Jack drew a knife upon one of them, upon which he and his companion were instantly arrested, and taken before the Governor who fined them fifty dollars and sentenced them to work in the roads until it was paid. (They were working on the road when we came in sight and we should have passed without seeing them, if Jack had not sung out to us. The Governor seemed however, to be a very hard taskmaster, for he was sitting under a tree smoking and eating bananas, in which amusement he was assisted by the guard. He was kept in [illegible] here until the ship was ready to sail, when the Governor sent a [illegible] him for anything else. The captain paid his fine and brought him aboard.

Resuming our way to the town the road, or path rather, now turned from the beach and hid the ocean from sight. After leisurely walking talking along in this way till about noon, we arrived at the town, and falling in with the pilot we proceeded to his house for we were to board with him during our three days stay.

The town contains about ten thousand inhabitants mostly natives. The Governor resides here and quite a number of whites who have pretty good looking houses but the principal part of the town consists of the huts of the natives which are built of lumber with a thatched roof low and only containing one room or at the most but two. They profess the catholic religion and have a fine looking cathedral presided over by a priest [illegible] and if what we saw here is a fair sample it must be a very accommodating religion to live by. Although having a fine harbor no trade is carried on here the principal commerce that way being the transient wants of whalers.

We arrived at the pilots about noon, and dinner being brought in we sat down to our first meal ashore. The first dish that I tasted of was a plate of what I took to be pears, but finding it unpalatable to eat one, I finally gave it up. One of us remarked that he should like to have some of them to take to the ship, as they would make a good substitute for sole leather. I then tried a dish that stood before me but I did not make much progress into that, for garlic seemed to be the principal ingredient. I now fell back on sweet potatoes, which I found very palatable. The dinner was a perfect failure as far as I was concerned, but I did [illegible] coffee and [illegible]

I could get as many eggs as I pleased for one medio (six cents) a dozen, and getting them cooked, we could have a meal any time.

We spent the day in rambling about the town until evening, when we all gathered together at the [illegible], and starting up the beach, we soon began to gather a crowd of men and women. The evening was passed in dancing, the women all being ready to act as our partners, and when one was tired another would step in. The bottle as a matter of course passing freely all the time and in the evening [illegible] away until bedtime when we began to inquire for a sleeping place which was soon made by the people bringing a lot of mats and spreading them about the floor. We laid down upon them in our clothes and were soon asleep.

The next day was Sunday, and [illegible] some of us visited all the church [illegible] to witness the performances. [illegible] It was already thronged with natives and services commenced. As we entered [illegible] a curiosity [illegible], they appeared to think us an intrusion, but as we knelt down quietly and showed a decent respect for the [illegible] we were allowed to remain. The congregation were all kneeling, and the priest was engaged reading prayers in Latin which must have equally edified them. [illegible] the congregation were not yet [illegible]. The church was decorated with images of the Virgin and saints, and over the altar was a large representation of the Virgin, decorated with gold and [illegible] ornaments.

We staid until mass was over, and then proceeded to the priest, who we found engaged in sharpening small [illegible] about an inch and a half in length, which he informed us were used in cock fighting, of which there was to be a display after dinner. So after dinner we started for the cock pit, and on our way thither who should we see but our jolly friar with a game-cock under each arm, proceeding that way also. We found about the whole population for miles around assembled there, and nearly every one had game cocks with them. This is the principal amusement of the island, and takes place every Sunday afternoon, being participated in by all hands not excepting the priest. The sport was commenced by two cocks being set at each other, each having a lancet put on one leg just above the spur, and as they are so sharp [illegible] the one that gets the first stroke [illegible] one of the other. As soon as one would [illegible] would run in and [illegible] its neck would carry it out of the ring. We had [illegible] at dinner that we were going to have chickens for supper, and when we saw them [illegible] cocks, the thought struck us that it would be [illegible], and [illegible] for at supper we found [illegible] If these were chicken [illegible]

In the evening it was announced that there would be a concert at [illegible], [illegible] who had been [illegible] and [illegible]. The performers were [illegible] and [illegible], one of them [illegible] with the [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] there, and [illegible] [illegible] was to begin. We went behind the scenes, and there they were all ready. [illegible] examining the fiddle for a [illegible], while the rest of the performers, including the proprietor of the house, were [illegible] as ready [illegible] it getting in as fast as they could. It was evident that the concert was incomplete [illegible] as we took our seats, the audience [illegible] wondering when it would begin. For a short time, [illegible], and we [illegible] [illegible] waiting for their appearance, and I think they [illegible] it [illegible] waiting.

Thus passed the time until [illegible] these days were ended, when we bid adieu to the [illegible], and started on our return voyage to the ship. Arriving at the beach about dark, we found a boat waiting for us, and embarking in it we were soon on board.

Having [illegible] once more [illegible], we began our [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] water, which we had to get [illegible] [illegible] down the coast. The next day we got [illegible] [illegible], and sail [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible], which we [illegible] there [illegible] days [illegible] [illegible]. Then took our departure from [illegible], bound to the [illegible].

# Chapter VII.

## My first season in the Arctic.

Nothing of incident now transpired for some time, and we found ourselves drawing gradually into cold weather. We saw no whales on our passage excepting finbacks, a species of whale that whalemen seldom trouble, as they are very hard to catch, and their blubber is so thin that it does not pay for the trouble of capture.

We often saw and spoke vessels, and on one occasion my watch being below, Jack the name of one man came to the scuttle saying, "Boys, we have just spoke a ship." "What her name," we inquired. "The Champagne, of Edwards town," says Jack. Thinking there must be some mistake, we asked some one else, and their name was the Champion, of Edgartown. Poor Jack did not hear the last of the Champagne for a long time.

As soon as we began to get into the high latitudes, Johnson, who had shipped for his health, began to fail very fast, although he tried to keep about and at his duty. As it made him very short breathed to go aloft, we would not hear of his going, but would always go in his place. One night, however, at sunset, Jack was at the helm, and the captain seeing Johnson standing by, sent him up to furl the main royal. He started, but getting out of breath long before he got there, he was obliged to stop and rest. The captain in the meantime singing out to him to hurry up. He arrived there at last, but had not strength enough left to furl it, and some one else was obliged to go up and help him. Johnson came down and seemed completely exhausted. After he was gone below, the [illegible] [illegible] which he belonged and who knew his case, explained it to the captain, who the next morning sent for him, and on finding how the real circumstances, told him that, if he had known it he would not have sent him aloft. He likewise told him not to exercise himself on duty any more, until he got better. But poor fellow he never got any better, but continued to gradually grow weaker, until at last he was confined to his bed altogether.

We entered the [illegible] about the 20th of June, 1857 and worked along towards the shore until we were stopped by the ice, which stretched as far as the eye could reach in a seemingly solid mass, but it was broken suddenly up and scattered out into the open sea in innumerable [illegible], which every hour tended to break up more and more. As the ships in the act were bound to the spot where the whales are found, they were now all gathered together at the edge of the ice, which stopped their further progress, and in the meantime were cruising along the edge of it and penetrating wherever there was an opening, watching all the while for whales, which keep around the ice and are often taken inside. Every ship tries to make a start or [illegible] at least of a whale catch before entering the bays. These outside whales are large ones, seldom yielding less than one hundred barrels, and often two, while those in the bays are smaller, seldom exceeding one hundred.

When we reached the ice we found a large fleet of ships there numbering [illegible] the ice to open, and in the absence of whales the time was spent in visiting each other, which among whalemen is called "gamming." A number of the officers would get together on board some particular ship, each bringing a boat's crew. While the ship's officers were enjoying themselves aft, the crews would gather in the forecastle and after a while some one would call for a song, and after the singer had finished, he was handed a stick and he then proceeded to pick out of the assembled crew [illegible] the next singer, who must sing [illegible] until he did. "[illegible]" would not do. He must sing something, if only a verse of "Yankee Doodle," when he was entitled to the stick and the same liberty [illegible] of it, and thus the fun would be [illegible] kept up until the departure of the visitors, and sometimes had to be [illegible] into the boat.

We were surrounded all the time by flocks of ducks and [illegible] birds, which were often shot, and were [illegible] to taste as good eating. One day we ran close to a floe of ice which was completely covered with seals lying asleep on the ice. Three or four of us taking a stock of [illegible], we lowered a boat and started for them, approaching as cautiously as possible, but when we got within a short distance of them one of the [illegible] had perceived us and instantly alarmed the rest, who all started for the water, but as they are very clumsy out of water, we succeeded in getting nearly twenty, by killing them with the [illegible] of a club, [illegible] so that they would [illegible] apparently dead. In the midst one of the boatsteerers aiming a blow at one, and not hitting him quite, the seal made a rush for the water, [illegible] boatsteerer says, who fell over him, and the result was, that they both went into the water together, from which he scrambled out with his arm somewhat sorer, at any rate wishing he could get dry clothes on. We lowered the boat [illegible] and took the skiff up and tried out the blubber, but it made only four bbl.

We laid around there until the first of July before it had broken up sufficient to allow us to enter the bays, but on that day we ran in and anchored in the entrance of a bay, which is laid down on the chart as Schanter Bay.

We had now arrived at our scene of business and now we would see in what [illegible] would be in the whaling line. The next day after anchoring we lowered away and started on an exploration of the bay, the first and third mates going in one direction and the second and fourth in another.

Bay whaling differs from whaling [illegible] in this respect. At sea the boats are not lowered unless whales are in sight, but in the bays they are lowered every day excepting "gooey" weather and sent to look for whales, being sometimes provisioned for a week, going ashore at night and encamping on the beach.

We pursued our course up the bay till in fifteen water, when we came to a body of ice which stopped all farther progress in that direction. We could hear whales blowing in the ice, which they seemed to prefer themselves to. We worked about among the loose cakes of ice, but were unable to see any, though we could hear them all round us. They were very shy keeping close to some floe of ice, and just raising a small portion of their head out of water and blowing gently, and it being so still we could hear them plainly. In the course of the day we saw one or two, but we could not get near enough to fasten, as the boat soon alarmed them.

We cruised about in this manner till near sunset, when some of us proposed to go on shore, which appeared to be quite near, but before we arrived we found that we had entirely deceived ourselves, for when we had pulled as far as we thought the distance to be at first, it appeared as far as ever from us; the atmosphere in these latitudes being so clear that objects appear quite near when in fact they are miles away.

After pulling four or five miles, we reached the shore, but as it was late we did not make a very long stay. We built a fire, and gathered some [illegible], with which the rocks are covered. After resting them, we started for the vessel, but before we [illegible] [illegible], a fog came up so thick that you could cut it with a knife. If it had continued dense we should have had much difficulty in finding the ship, but now it was doubtful. We kept on, however, ~~[illegible]~~ steering our course which we had [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible], we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and then we [illegible] to [illegible], but after pulling an hour or two longer we stopped and held a council [illegible]. Having come to the conclusion that it was useless to pull further for the ship, we determined to try to reach the shore, as it would be better than remaining in an open boat all night. But by some unexpected [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] boat is supplied, had been left on board, and so not having that to guide us we pulled about a full hour at random, without seeing or hearing anything, when we came to another halt and anchored the boat, with the intention of passing the night where we were. We took the boat sail and spreading it over us, tried to sleep, but it was hard work, for it was cold, although in July, and the fog was wetter than anything else. We passed a miserable night, but day came at last, however. We then took a look around, but were unable to see the length of a ship. All at once one of the crew sang out "sail O!" and we looked in the direction that he pointed, and there was a vessel indistinctly seen through the fog. We took our oars and started for her, but had not gone more than a ship's length, before it turned into a bar, floating with the tide, and the branches sticking up seen through the fog, looked like masts and spars.

As we had eaten what provisions we brought the day before, our chances for a breakfast began to look small if the fog continued, which there was no abatement in as yet. A few minutes after this, however, we were all electrified by the sound of a horn, which we answered immediately, and soon hearing it again we started for it, and guided by the sound in a few minutes we were alongside of the bark Fanny, of [illegible] and going on board we introduced ourselves and "told our story," and then proceeded to the forecastle, with the [illegible] the [illegible] mate, the cook [illegible] ceeding to get us some breakfast. We began to think our chances better for a breakfast than they were half an hour before, and soon it came smoking, hash and hot coffee, and we did not need any urging to eat as we all had very good appetites. Having finished our breakfast and had a good smoke, we were just upon the point of turning in when the fog lifting a little, disclosed our own vessel within a mile of us and we were soon on board of her and snug in our bunks.

We were unable to lower for two or three days on account of the fog, but the first fair day we lowered again, but took good care that we were better prepared than before. We cruised here a week or two, but without getting a chance at the whales, though we saw them every day. In fact, our officers were not very anxious to tackle them in the ice as it needs an expert whaleman to handle them there. As soon as one is struck he instantly makes for the compact ice, and if he runs under, they are obliged to give him line till they can get the boat clear, and it often happens that before the boat can be cleared, the line is gone, it being useless to try to hold it. Sometimes when he is running and they are holding on to the line, which is done by taking a turn or two [illegible] the loggerhead, an upright post of hard wood about the size of a man's leg, [illegible] on the stern of the boat, it will strike [illegible] [illegible] against a cake of ice, and if not [illegible] [illegible] struck fairly with her stem, [illegible] [illegible] and the boat go between the pieces, but if not struck fairly, then woe to the boat. Often times the line will be cut in [illegible] against the ice, and then farewell to the whale. In spite of all this [illegible], they are often taken without damage to anything.

We staid here about two, or three days, and then got under way and went into what is called Discovery Harbor, at the mouth of the bay where we laid a week, wooding, watering, and getting off wood and water. From the shore a dense forest of trees extended inland, consisting of fir, pine and birch, while very little shrubbery existed of any description. A stream of water came trickling down from the mountains, clear as crystal and cold as ice. Scarcely anything grew here of the fruit or berry kind, the only specimen that I saw being a running vine bearing a small berry resembling the black berry.

One day however, coming aboard in season to a signal [illegible] at the [illegible] I learned at the [illegible] that [illegible] the third mate had taken a whale and was busily engaged with the rest of the crew in towing him to the ship. We had part of the crew on shore watering [illegible], so the rest of the boats had gone in chase, and had succeeded in capturing our first whale, and were nearly overjoyed with it. We got the fluke chain in readiness to pass around him, which is a chain with a ring in one end, through which the other end is passed after being passed around the small of the whale close to the flukes, and then being made fast on deck, serves to keep him alongside, the whale not easily sinking, although they often sink in which case nothing can hold them.

# Chapter VIII.

## My first season continued.

And now having him safe alongside, I took a good look at him. It was of the species called bowhead, and it differs from a right whale in this respect. The head is broader than a right whale's, and is rounded in the shape of a bow; hence the name. The body is broader than a right whale in proportion to its length, while the oil is of a better quality, and the bone larger and nicer in every respect, though the oil goes under the name of right whale.

The Bowheads are not found anywhere in the Pacific, except in the Ochotsk sea, and up along the coast of Kamtschatka into the Arctic. They have a great predilection for the ice, whereas right whales are seldom or never found in connection with it. In the bays the whales are nearly all small, but in the Arctic and along the coast outside they are all large; the general supposition being that the mother whales come into the bays to calve and leave their young here until they are grown sufficiently to take a cruise on their own account; while others contend that they are a distinct breed from the others.

The next morning early we commenced cutting in. We had rigged our cutting gear some time before, so that we were all ready to commence operations. For this purpose stages were rigged over the side, which were intended for the officers. The boatsteerers were stationed in the waist in readiness to receive the blubber as it came in board, and carry it to the blubber-room which was the space between decks under the main hatchway, where it was received by two men who stowed it away, while the rest of us were stationed at the windlass, ready to heave at the word.

And now operations commenced. A hole was cut in the blubber large enough to insert the hook, which was then hove taut; then a blanket piece which is a portion of blubber from 4 or 5 feet wide and from a foot to a foot and a half thick, was started out in a ascending spiral transversely around it and by heaving up and cutting underneath, it was brought away from the body, and as it was lifted it rolled the carcass of the whale and the operation was continued until the blubber was stripped off; and then the carcass was cut away, and it floated it would no sooner be clear of the ship, than it would be immediately covered with gulls and other birds which would be attracted to the spot by thousands.

When the blubber had got pretty well off, the head would then demand our attention. This contained the case, it was all the most valuable part of the whale. One of the pieces being made fast to it, it was then severed from the body, and then heaving with a will we would soon have it on deck, where it would remain until the rest of the blubber was taken care of.

In cutting in a blanket piece, two holes are made, and as soon as a piece is hoisted as high as it will allow, a hole is cut in it close to the deck through which the strap of the other block (which is rigged on one side, and has an eye in the end) is thrust, and a short stick is then passed through the eye, which is thus toggled to the piece. It is then hove taut, and the piece above is then cut completely off and allowed to swing inboard, and then lowered away into the blubber room and stowed away.

After the blanket pieces are all in, then we go to work upon the head, and separating the bone from the jaw, pack it away until we finish trying out. This is not the bone of the whale as many suppose, but the teeth growing from its jaw. The edge of the bone is tufted with coarse, black hair. This serves to strain the water that they expel, retaining their food, which is a small, jelly like substance, abounding in the water where they are found.

The next thing to be done with the blubber, is to prepare it for trying out. One or two men are stationed in the blubber-room, cutting the blanket pieces into "horse pieces," about a foot long by six inches wide, and they are then passed on deck and passed to the mincing machine, which minces them as thin as sliced pork, and then they are transferred to the try-pot and the oil boiled out, the scraps serving to replenish the fire occasionally. The oil is then bailed into a small copper tank called a cooler, and when sufficiently cool, is put into casks, which are then laid around on deck. These are emptied into tanks between decks, and these when full, are drawn off into casks in the lower hold. When first tried out the oil has the appearance and taste of fresh lard, but soon becomes rancid.

After the oil is [illegible] and stowed down, then the bone has to be scraped and cleaned. The large end of the bone, which is [illegible] in the jaw, is coated with the gum of the whale, which adheres to it, and is a substance resembling a horse hoof, but much softer. This being scraped off, and then the bone is scrubbed and dried, and then packed away between decks.

The whale that we have [illegible] stowed us down 100 bbls. [illegible] of this water.

When we had finished stowing down, we returned our ship back to [illegible] bay. We had not gone more than three or four miles, before we fell in with what at first we took to be the bleeding carcass of a whale, but on a nearer inspection it proved to be a dead whale, called by whalemen a "stinker," and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to it the smell was overpowering. [illegible] as the [illegible] was on it it was taken alongside and cut in. It was a disgusting job, but there was no [illegible] for it on the [illegible] of it [illegible] [illegible] as to smell and putridity. [illegible] of these dead whales though [illegible] still with nearly as much as the [illegible] that a dead whale is quite a prize. The one that we picked up made 25 barrels. It had been killed a [illegible] before, but had no irons in it, so that we were unable to tell who had killed it, and the name of the ship or marks on these irons that had evidently been [illegible] by a bomb lance. [illegible] about bomb guns in this [illegible]. A bomb gun is a short, heavy [illegible] gun with a large bore, and are only used in helping one to [illegible] a whale in the hands of anybody that understands them. For this purpose, a bomb lance is used, which is a hollow tube of iron filled with powder, having a lance shaped head. The iron [illegible] the gun and entering the whale, is [illegible] inside by means of a fuse which is ignited at the instant it leaves the gun and [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]. Our first and second mate each carried one and also one of [illegible] lines, yet I never saw either of them lucky enough to hit a whale with me.

And now once more anchored in Hakodadi bay, we commenced our cruising again. The ice had now disappeared, but the whales remained, although shy as ever. A number of ships were at anchor in the bay, while their boats were cruising around day after day, sometimes being provisioned for a week, and taking a cruise the whole extent of the bay; at night going ashore, and either occupying some unclaimed hut, which are sprinkled all along the shores, or building one themselves out of limbs and branches of trees, covering the ground inside with dry grass; then building a fire before the entrance to give warmth, and keep away wild animals, they occupy it that night, and then leave it for the next comer.

One afternoon after we had been here about a week, it being very still and calm, we were drifting slowly along, when all at once we heard far away towards the entrance of the bay, the sound as of the blowing of many whales. It continued to sound nearer and nearer, until the water around us seemed alive with whales. They were going very fast, and were evidently making a passage into the bay. We laid perfectly still, waiting for one to come near enough [illegible] of our fastening to him, when all at once we heard a shout from the other boat which was about half a mile from us, and they had succeeded in fastening to one, and were rapidly going through the water in fine style. We took to our oars and pulled for them, but by the time we had got started they were a mile or more from us, and as long as he continued to run we could not gain on the boat. Just as dark he stopped, and then we went up alongside.

Both boats now commenced to lance him, and soon he began to spout thick blood, and in a few minutes after went into his flurry or death struggle, during which it is dangerous to go near him. He was soon fin up, however, and then came the hardest part of the job - the towing him to the ship, which took us nearly all night to accomplish.

Down in the bays the water is seldom more than six fathoms in depth, the whales cannot run out the line, and however fast they run on the surface, the line can be held, and thus the boat keeps pace with him, until he becomes exhausted and stops. This one made us sixty barrels, and a day or two after the mate got one that made ninety.

Close to where we were anchored, was a little nook of the bay, in which every morning, after the boats had gone, a whale would make his appearance, and play around there for hours, it seeming to constitute a regular playground for him. He had visited us for a week, when one morning we resolved to spoil his fun. Accordingly, the starboard boat which had been kept on board for this purpose, was lowered as soon as he made his appearance, and we started for him, paddling softly so as not to disturb him. We got pretty near to him before he went down. He did not seem to be alarmed, but came up again a short distance off. Another ship, the Thomas Dickason, N.B., was lying close by, and her captain seeing us so handy to the whale, resolved to have a finger in the pie also. He lowered his whale boat, with Indians [illegible], started for the scene of action as fast as four men could pull him. We had been very cautious, only using our paddles, so as to make as little noise as possible, while this boat came pulling up with all of her oars. About the time it arrived, the whale came up again, and we paddled for him, but the other boat who had hove up, again took to their oars, and as luck would have ~~got~~ it got within one [illegible] of him, and in all probability would have fastened to him on the next rise, when the fourth mate says, "pull, boys, and scare him." The act of a few oars would have scared anything, let alone the whale, which we never saw again. "That is smart in you," says the captain in the other boat. "What business had you to come crowding on to us," replied our mate. "I [illegible] as you," replied the other boat. "You lie," replied our officer, "we were paddling when you came up pulling with all of your oars, and I was bound if I couldn't have the whale, that you shouldn't." So each went on board of his own ship, and left the whale to take care of himself.

One day as we were pulling along shore, we came across a brown bear feeding on the carcass of a whale that had drifted ashore. Going in towards him, the mate fired a bomb lance at him, which failing to hit him, only served to frighten him away. He was at the foot of a steep cliff, and when we fired the bomb he began to climb the cliff, but it being so steep he was forced to take a [illegible] about him, and was a strong [illegible] in that position, and might have been shot by any ordinary marksman, but our sharpshooter might have thrown away a dozen [illegible] that way, and the whole [illegible] would have been [illegible] of the vessel.

We left the [illegible] about the last of

September for the open sea, and running down to within a days sail of the Kurile Islands we cruised awhile for right whales. We saw quite a number, but the weather being rough most of the time, we did not lower but two or three times, and only succeeded in striking two whales. The first one was struck by the second mate's boat and was lost by the irons drawing. The last one at the instant he was struck stove the boat but the crew were not injured except being thoroughly drenched. The other boats finished him however but the weather growing rough the carcass was given up; and a gale coming on which lasted two or three days, we were driven so near the Islands that we left the sea, and laid our course for [illegible].

We have made a poor seasons work. Most of the vessels that were with us in the Bay, taking from [illegible] to 1500 barrels; while we could only count up 800. Our officers called it hard luck, but we could see wherein the fault lay, and did not lay it quite all to luck, or to an unlucky ship. The truth was, our officers were afraid of a whale, and did not exert themselves in trying to capture them. I say our officers, but there were one or two exceptions. The third mate was a good whaleman but being obliged to follow the mate about, and a slight jealousy existing between the two, he did not make out so well as if [illegible] to himself; and the fourth mate was zealous enough in the cause, but at being his first voyage as an officer, he had not the necessary experience. The boatsteerers, generally speaking, were no better in their line than the officers, if we except the second mate's boatsteerer, Lee, who was the best whaleman in the ship, and no matter who fastened, the [illegible] of killing them generally devolved upon him.

## Chapter IX.

## The Sandwich Islands.

After getting clear of the Kurile Islands, we ran to the eastward until we made the longitude of the Sandwich Islands, when we hauled to the southward, and having strong northerly winds, it was not many days before we ran into warm weather, and then we had good weather the rest of the passage.

The first land that we sighted, was the summit of Mauna Kea, a volcano on Hawaii, which is seen a great ways at sea. The wind being light and baffling, it was three days until the time we [illegible] that we anchored we anchored in the harbor of Hilo, Owyhee.

This is the largest of these islands, and the first discovered, but the least settled of any of them. Hilo, the sea-port is nothing but a collection of huts, interspersed here and there with a white frame dwelling. There is a missionary station at all of these islands, but where the natives have no example set them to improve their morals, they have a hundred of a contrary tendency. The usual accompaniments of a white settlement are found here, such as bowling alleys, dance rooms, grog shops. In consequence of constant intercourse with the whites, the natives have been induced to clothe themselves decently; the men having on at least a shirt and pair of pants, and the women a loose dress, for the most part of calico; but they cannot boast much in regard to the purity of their morals, there presenting a large scope for improvement. In short, they are ready to prostitute their wives, mothers or daughters, to the first comer for half a dollar, the morality of the proceeding not troubling them in the least. They are a lazy set, but in fact there is no necessity for their working, for nearly everything, excepting the taro, grows spontaneously, and their ambition extends no farther than the gratification of the present appetite.

Their principal food is fish and poi, made of a vegetable resembling a [illegible], which when boiled tastes like a potato; they mix it with water, and make a sort of paste resembling batter, which they call 'poi,' and filling a calabash with it, three or four will squat around it, and dipping their fingers in it, will convey them to their mouths and then to the dish again, until the contents are used up. They have learned the value of money, and use no other currency in buying and selling, but sometimes they will bring a small lot of fruit, vegetables, and at first will demand money, but when they see that it is not forthcoming, they will come down to clothes or other articles, and in making a barter are as sharp as the whites.

There are quite a number of plantations on the island owned by whites, and both sweet and Irish potatoes are raised, which readily find a market in the vessels touching here. The town lies at the foot of one of the largest volcanoes in the world. At this time it was quiet, but three or four years before an eruption from it threatened to destroy the town, the lava approaching to within three miles of it. It was a novel and majestic sight, to see it rising far above the clouds, which only reached midway to the summit. During the day the summit was invisible, but at sunset and sunrise it could be plainly seen, covered with eternal snow, thus presenting every variety of climate from the frigid to the torrid.

*[illegible], who was sent ashore, was then carried to the hospital. On going ashore we went to see him, and found him sitting up, and quite cheerful. He was a sensible young man, of not a very strong constitution, but seemed resigned to his situation, but would often speak affectionately of his mother and sister at home in the city of [illegible], N.Y. He [illegible] [illegible] and wait for him, and who would not. He had expected [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the ship [illegible] would [illegible] the [illegible].

that he had lost and that he would return to his friends a well man. But here too far gone to ever recover and here he was, with his days nearly numbered, about to die far away from kindred and friends in a strange land, with no stone to mark his last resting place. We all felt sad to part with him, but it was inevitable, and we had to leave him with our best wishes. He died in a short time after we left, as we understood afterwards from a Honolulu paper.

While we were here, two men ran away from the ship Richmond, of Falmouth, and went [illegible] of us. We stowed them away in the lower hold, but while we were on deck at work, they would come up into the forecastle and lie in the bunks. This was very dangerous and risky to them, but they did not seem to think so and kept [illegible]. A reward was offered for them by the captain of the Richmond, who supposed that they were somewhere on the island. They would have been all all right but for their own fault. They remained on board until their ship sailed. The morning that she went out the mate of the ship Empire [illegible] [illegible] which had lost two men the night before, came on board in search of them but without success. After he had finished his search he came on deck and asked our mate if all his crew were on deck. He told him they were. "Then," said the mate of the Empire, "there are two [illegible] men in the forecastle lying in the bunks." The mate got down and boat returns bringing the man with him, who were soon transferred to the shore. The Rebecca, which was still in sight, was signalled, when she hauled aback and they were carried on board. It was all their own fault that they were taken, for if they had remained in their hiding place, they could not have been found without a regular search.

We laid here about three weeks and recruited, and then set sail and [illegible] headed to [illegible]. We came off and in sight one night, the captain going on shore. In the course of the next day he came off, bringing two kanakas whom he had shipped, one as boatsteerer, and the other before the mast. We then proceeded to cruise for sperm whales.

# Chapter X.
## Between Seasons.

We had good weather now all the time and nothing worth relating occurred until Christmas day, 1857, when sperm whales were raised. [illegible] the boats, and as the whales [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The mate's boat being ahead he had the first chance. The first iron that was darted missed the whale, but the second one fastened so effectively that the whale giving one breath out of water for those [illegible] immediately rolled fin up, being killed by the iron. He made 40 barrels.

The sperm whale is a native of the warm latitudes and is seldom found in cold weather. It does not grow to more than 1/3 the size of the right whale, the largest sperm whale on record only yielding 125 barrels, while the right whale has been taken, making over 250. It is apparently shaped from the [illegible]. The head being blunt like a right whale, but having a very small mouth, the lower jaw with [illegible] teeth. The bowhead or right whale only fights with its flukes, while the sperm whale [illegible] both head and tail and sometimes crushing the boat in its jaw and crushing it like [illegible], but they seldom fight unless alone. The one seldom makes over 40 barrels, while the sperm makes from 40 to 100. A bowhead is of a shining black in color, but a sperm whale is of a brownish cast.

The operation of cutting in differs from the bowhead in this manner. The a sperm whale head is [illegible] and it has to be [illegible] through the top of the skull. From there comes to the case containing the "junk" or crude spermaceti, which has to be bailed out in buckets. The "case," as it is called, is emptied into the try pots, [illegible] movement. The soon as it is warmed, it immediately dissolves and then it is transferred to casks and stowed away.

During the operation of cutting in, the whale was surrounded by myriads of sharks, to say nothing of the birds, who hotly contested the point of whether they or we should have the most of it. Killing them seemed to make no difference, for I saw two, one with his head halfway off, and the other with his entrails hanging out from a wound that he had received, come up and take a bite of the whale, as if nothing whatever incommoded them in the slightest degree.

A few days after this we made the [illegible] with the [illegible]. We [illegible]

From Hobart Town [illegible]

The [illegible] of the [illegible] damaged, and on the inside of the case that was the [illegible] that would be [illegible], yet [illegible] that was the [illegible] we ought to have [illegible] the [illegible] and should [illegible] the [illegible] of a [illegible] that there was not [illegible].

[illegible] Then we [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] that we [illegible]. They were [illegible], and on the [illegible] of [illegible] entirely [illegible] and without the least damage, [illegible]. The [illegible] of [illegible] The [illegible] another [illegible] the [illegible] were [illegible].

During [illegible] that he [illegible]. He [illegible] a [illegible] with a [illegible] of [illegible]. He [illegible] which he [illegible]. He [illegible] the bottom of the [illegible], the [illegible]. [illegible] he [illegible] and [illegible] that he [illegible] from ashore. The captain had been trading with a negro who seemed to have great authority over the natives, and was the principal agent in trading with them. He now offered him fifty pounds of tobacco for the recovery of the [illegible]. The negro told him, that if he would send us ashore to the [illegible], he would bring him off that night. Accordingly, about eleven o'clock that night, he came off with him, and received the fifty pounds of tobacco and went ashore. The prisoner was put in irons, and the next morning seized in the rigging and given a dozen lashes, and then sent forward to duty.

The next island that we visited was [illegible] Island a small island belonging to the [illegible] group. It is the station of a missionary, but from appearances he had not met with much success as yet, for we could see no improvement in these natives. The natives [illegible] [illegible] from all that we had [illegible]. They [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their being [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible], and their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] the supper. [illegible], but the ship's trading was not transacted through the [illegible], [illegible] from the captain, [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the ship [illegible], there being [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible].

The ship [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], which is valuable [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] a large island about one day's sail from Fisher Islands. We made it the next day, but in getting sufficiently near out the signal gun [illegible] a pilot. While in a [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] part [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the sea with a [illegible] [illegible], which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] being complete an obstruction.

Our pilot now came on board, a tall, [illegible] man, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and stoutly built in proportion. He was a native of the [illegible] Islands, but has been a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] though [illegible] [illegible] he has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]. He went by the name of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which he has attached [illegible].

There are three harbours in the island, which go by the names of [illegible] [illegible], Middle [illegible], and [illegible] Harbour. The [illegible] Harbour, which we were about to enter, is the most [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Harbour [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the other sex. The natives were unrestrained in their habit in their intercourse, the women coming off and staying with the men night and day, who on the departure of the ship, would give them a little tobacco and a yard or two of calico, which would please them extremely, [illegible] wrapping it around their loins making what they call a "tappa" [illegible], being perfectly happy with the [illegible].

Missionaries in this part of the world have a hard road, with but little encouragement from those that they expect assistance [illegible]. In the first place the natives themselves do not [illegible] will not regard their customs and in the next place, when a foreign [illegible] and a little religious influence brought to bear, [illegible] the crew [illegible] going to [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] influence of the [illegible] of the mission and natives. [illegible] the [illegible] at [illegible] harbor, which is [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible]. [illegible] little [illegible]

The [illegible] harbor [illegible] [illegible].

upon a large rock at a reef ahead of us, and then running in [illegible] from the stern to the shore we came at just at one of the trees growing at the water edge, and there on the leaves being protected by the very [illegible] to remember from the [illegible] where that might take place.

Of fruit there are also cultivated [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] apples and [illegible] which [illegible] to [illegible] an [illegible] from [illegible], with no taste [illegible] it has been [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] or something, [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] and a [illegible] of the [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] those of the [illegible].

The natives are all tattooed [illegible] [illegible] men and women some of them are [illegible] from head to foot. The chief whom we found was [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but whether the [illegible] and that of the [illegible] of those that followed it I do not pretend to say. The [illegible] was the most [illegible], which [illegible] of by the [illegible], and when he came to learn all of the natives who had occasion to go near him [illegible] on [illegible] with the [illegible] would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nearly to the [illegible].

On this island is a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of a higher state of civilization than at present exists here. [illegible] of [illegible] have been [illegible] as to their origin but it is [illegible] [illegible] obscurely; the most probable supposition being that it is the remains of a Spanish settlement, but who settled here or when is not known.

One day while we were lying here, the natives got up a feast, and happening on shore I went up to the feast house — a large hut about fifty feet long, and open at each end. A fire is built on some stones, and when they are heated sufficiently, the coals are scraped off, and then pork and dogs, which last is a rare delicacy among the natives, are laid on the stones, wrapped in plantain leaves, and the whole covered with dirt, and left to cook. We were offered some, but respectfully declined, not feeling a very strong inclination for dog.

We laid here three weeks, getting our wood and water, and then settling with the traders and sending them on shore, we proceeded to Ascension Island, for the [illegible] would [illegible] the way to the Northward.

Having lost our kedge on the reef, we sent back a boat to recover it if possible. When we reached the spot, [illegible] with us taking the end of a rope in his hand, then [illegible] made it fast to the kedge, and we hauled it up to the surface, and with great assistance, got it into the boat. [illegible] to [illegible] it with ease, although it weighed from one to eight hundred pounds.

# Chapter XI.

## Japan.

After leaving [illegible] we had moderate weather with nothing of importance [illegible] until we sighted the Island of [illegible]. At night on the [illegible] we had [illegible] we were going along smoothly, when the lookout sung out "a light right ahead." They were scattered one after another, [illegible] together, until we found that they were all around us. We steered for one of them, and on coming near enough, found it to be a Japanese junk at anchor, having a [illegible] lantern displayed in her rigging. As we came near [illegible] their lanterns, [illegible] that we should run them down. As we passed them, we [illegible] them, [illegible] in the air the whole [illegible] [illegible] from deep sea, [illegible] them [illegible] and [illegible].

When daylight came, we found that our vessel had taken us over a bank, which was thickly studded with fishing-junks, and [illegible]. We lowered a boat and boarded one, taking some rice, [illegible]. As we came on board the crew [illegible] themselves, and [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] we had brought [illegible], thinking [illegible] one errand was to rob them. They gave [illegible] with fish, rice and lobster, [illegible] we [illegible] turned to the ship, leaving them on shore with a better impression of us than they seemed to entertain at first.

Passing through the straits of [illegible] we stood up along the coast of Japan. These islands seem full of volcanoes, frequently seeing at night four or five burning at once. This has been a fine ground for right whales, but we did not see any the whole passage.

We arrived about here a short time [illegible] the port of Hakodadi, on the Island of Yesso, which has been recently opened as a [illegible] by the Japanese. The morning [illegible] we found ourselves [illegible] 5 [illegible] with three other vessels, in sight of the high bluff, behind which the town is situated. The bay [illegible] and [illegible] which we began to [illegible] of [illegible] that day, but we [illegible] at all [illegible] that, and we began to [illegible] As we drew near the entrance, we were astonished by the number of [illegible] boats [illegible] along the coast, there being hundreds in sight at once, [illegible] them. [illegible] As we drew near the foot of the bluff we [illegible] puff from the hill [illegible] through the water about as fast as [illegible] and contrary to all expectation [illegible] we anchored off abreast the town. It was the beginning of [illegible], and the [illegible] gentle comfortable weather.

We soon began to learn that we [illegible] a [illegible]

The canoes were the first things that came under our observation, and being so clumsily built, made [illegible] and rigged with large wooden [illegible], we wondered how they ever went anywhere so safely in them. But they do, and make quite long trips, returning with cargoes of corn, fruit, sweet potatoes &c.

We were allowed to go ashore and look around without the permit of the [illegible] would not [illegible] any, as the people were forbidden by the government to trade with foreigners in the slightest degree, the [illegible] of the [illegible] south, and through the depot [illegible], we would get supplied with the [illegible] for a cruise.

Hakodadi is a large town, containing [illegible] thousand inhabitants, and is situated at the foot of a high hill which rises abruptly from the edge of the town, and serves to protect town and harbor from the wind. The harbor is completely landlocked, so that [illegible] the worst storms, vessels can lie here in perfect safety.

On going ashore, the first thing that we noticed was the extreme cleanliness of everything we came in. Landing from the boat, we first saw [illegible] leading from the landing place, and [illegible] the principal street of the town, which ran its whole length, and in which the greatest part of the business is carried on.

At the end of the town [illegible] of [illegible], having a few guns mounted, and which if properly built and manned, will be an effectual defence to the harbor, as it fully commands the entrance.

The men and women dress so nearly alike that it would be puzzling to tell them apart, if it was not for the difference in their hair. The men shave the top of their head, leaving a little at the side and at the back, which they make into a tail behind, and waxing it stiff, bend it over on the top of their head with the end pointing forward, while the women let theirs grow, and do it up in a bunch behind, fastening it with a bodkin. The better class wear a straw sandal, & while the lower class wear wooden clogs, with which they manage very clumsily to walk, and it would require quite an art to walk with them. Their stockings are made with a thumb like mittens, which give room for the big toe, one of the straps to the sandal going between it and the other toe.

On entering a house, we had to take off our shoes and leaving them outside, enter in our stocking feet. No doubt need be felt as to-ward the safety of the shoes thus left, as no Japanese will trouble them, the theft as well as all other crimes, being punishable with death. On entering, we usually found ourselves in a large square apartment, the floor of which being covered with layers of straw mattings, about an inch in thick and soft. A place two or three feet square is sunk in the middle of the floor, and filled with sand, which contains a charcoal furnace, around which the family is always seated or squatted, for they use no chairs, always squatting themselves upon the floor. On the furnace is a little copper kettle of water, with which they make their tea, which is the general drink at ease in the house. The houses are for the most part built of wood, and one story although some of the better sort are of brick, and the [illegible] are [illegible] and polished like a mirror. Instead of glass they use an oiled transparent paper which serves to give light but cannot be seen through.

Nearly every house of the poorer class has its roof covered with small tiles, on each of which a stone is laid to keep them in their places. In addition to this, on nearly every roof is placed a tub of water and a ladder standing by it, in readiness to use in case of fire, which often happens here, and proves very destructive, owing to the inflammable nature of the materials which compose their houses. Another thing that struck us was the great number of dogs and cats, these latter being quite domesticated, sleeping around the doors of the houses, and eating whatever they can find.

Going into a barber's shop, we witnessed the operation of shaving as performed by them. A patient taking his seat in the chair, the barber took his razor, which they keep keen and sharp, and using no lather but water, he went over his face and the inside of his nose and ears and the top of his head, and then [illegible] up his tail, he was ready for another customer.

They are skillful workmen in whatever they undertake. To look at a carpenter's set of tools, one would think that he could never do anything with them, but it surprises us to see him apply them so readily to his work, they being entirely different from ours in form, but applied in the same manner. The black smiths work sitting two together with an anvil between them, and each with a hammer alternately striking a blow, and in this department and brass founding, they have no superior.

The principal streets are lined with shops containing silk and cotton goods, but no woollen, as sheep are not found here. Others seemed to deal in groceries, and about the entrance were displayed oranges, mangoes and other fruit; and stone bottles containing "saki," a liquor distilled from rice, sweet and mild to the taste, but still sufficiently strong to intoxicate. As they would not sell or give anything away, we were not able to obtain anything in the way of trade, but finally if we wanted anything we would take it without asking any question, taking care, however, that it should be of no great value. They would at first undertake to make us give it back, but on seeing that we would have it [illegible] [illegible] us, they would laugh at us, thinking doubtless that it was one of our national customs. It was all the way that we could obtain anything, as on the least intimation of trading, they would shake their heads and draw their fingers across their throats, by this giving us to understand that if they had any dealings with us they would suffer decapitation, the common punishment here and extending to the family of the criminal.

The people generally are sociably inclined, but the strictness of the laws in relation to foreigners renders all intercourse with them very difficult, in consequence of the restraint under which they labor. This being once removed, the soul of the people would become [illegible] trade with delight, and they would readily accept many of our customs suited to their comfort and convenience.

One place of usual resort for sailors was the public bathhouse. Both men and women bathe at least once a day and entering a bathhouse, one is surprised at the sight that there meets his eye. Men and women would come in, and stripping themselves stark naked before us would go in and take their bath, and then come out and dress themselves before us with as much unconcern as though they were eating a dinner. Modesty is at a discount here, obscene books and prints being exhibited and sold as publicly as any other and on entering a house almost the first thing that you see in them will be one of these and also a conversation about it. There are a number of houses of prostitution here it being lawful, allowed among themselves, and the usual consequences are visible in a great many of the people which a visit to the bathhouse will show. It is death, however, for a woman to be detected with a foreigner and any aversion to familiarity with them is at once expressed not from a native modesty but from fear of the penalty attached to detection.

Their religion seems to consist in the worship of idols being something akin to the Buddhist religion in theory. Looking at their temples reminds one of the heathens of Bible times worshipping in groves and high places for their temples are built in the highest part of the town and behind each of them rises a stately grove of cedars. I went into one of their temples or "josshouses" and on entering found myself in the presence of one of their deities—a huge grotesque looking idol carved of wood and seated on a throne or place of honor. There is a space before him fifteen or twenty feet square enclosed by a wooden railing which keeps the worshippers at a respectful distance, and the enclosed space is used to contain the money that was thrown in as offerings. Over this space and encircling it, extended a border of carved woodwork, representing dragons, snakes, birds, fishes, and very neatly done. In the temple yard was a small building with a front of lattice work containing a plant having five or six stalks as large as one's finger and two or three feet long terminating in a large bell shaped flower, the whole of solid gold and which seemed to be an object of peculiar reverence among them.

Their dress in general consists of a loose cotton robe reaching nearly to the feet, and confined around the waist by a girdle or belt. their legs being encased in a pair of cloth leggings. They seldom wear anything on their heads, going bareheaded everywhere. The married women may easily be told from the unmarried by their having their teeth blackened which does not add anything to their attractiveness.

The men mostly smoke, and their pipe consists of a small brass bowl, about the size and resembling an acorn shell, holding about a pinch, and having a reed stem about a foot long. They will take a pinch of their tobacco and filling the pipe, will light it and take two or three whiffs which will exhaust the pipe and then their smoke is finished, and the pipe put away for that time.

The streets are all enclosed at night by barricades being drawn from one side to another of the streets, the inhabitants being shut in [illegible]

[illegible] of their respective [illegible] and offering to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] some [illegible] [illegible]. During the night each [illegible] in the street is duly [illegible] for the [illegible] of the neighborhood, being by [illegible] placed to act as [illegible] [illegible].

Their food is [illegible] [illegible], vegetables and fish. They eat no meat, although [illegible] cattle. We saw plenty of fresh [illegible], herrings and shell clams and oysters, which abound here. In eating they use chopsticks like the Chinese, and they [illegible] use them to pick up rice with a dexterity that [illegible] to be acquired by long practice. [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] offered [illegible] the [illegible] and chopsticks. [illegible] I accepted but declined the chopsticks, using my knife instead. After I had eaten [illegible] plate was handed me containing [illegible] [illegible], and a piece of [illegible] [illegible] cake. This was followed by a plate containing sliced apples, and a cup filled with [illegible]. I then [illegible] [illegible] with the family [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the other. [illegible] at Temple [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in which way I [illegible] an idea of it, and among other things [illegible] Japanese musicians, which were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We were allowed to [illegible] as much as we pleased [illegible] perhaps the reader [illegible] notice that [illegible] into the [illegible]

We were much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] off [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]

There is a theatre here but the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of course. They were not what would be called "stars" at home, but seemed to generally please the audience. Several fifty dollars were collected here, and after witnessing the performance for a while the ship's crew took possession of the theatre, their many members being players, amongst them a large concert and some engagements, with the stage commanded for the whole time to the sight of the fore-castle with [illegible], which [illegible] [illegible] to act on the theatre but the people were highly indignant at being [illegible] in their [illegible] and [illegible] the stage. After performing as long as we pleased we adjourned to the street, upon which the doors of the theatre were immediately closed and were not opened again during our stay.

[illegible] being the last day that we were [illegible] to be allowed on shore, towards night the most of us began taking on [illegible] they [illegible] a [illegible] and putting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] to take [illegible] they came down under the [illegible] keepers [illegible] allowed, [illegible] they saw them coming [illegible] take [illegible] they had [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] watched down to the boats with our [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a considerable [illegible] of our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. But [illegible] [illegible] general being obliged to conform to the discipline of the ship, as sailors find themselves on shore especially in a foreign port than they throw off all restraint, and give themselves unlimited license, and as soon as they get a little drink in them they are ready for anything, and in a country like Japan where the people do not know their characteristics, their conduct is taken as a sample of the nation to which they belong.

While we were here the ship Swordfish came in which belonged to the same owners as ours and had sailed from home shortly after us. We went on board of her and several of us found on board friends that we had left at home, thinking of again seeing each other in this part of the world. We [illegible] them with good bread, but in [illegible] the flour bread we found their bread greatly inferior to ours, as they had been provisioned with old flour, which was far inferior to ship biscuit. We [illegible] one barrel with us and [illegible] of us [illegible] with us, neither had done so before.

## Chapter XII.

## My second season in the Ochotsk

We [illegible] Hakodadi three weeks [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], we set sail for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about the first of May, 1855. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before with but little variety, with this exception.

A stiff breeze had been blowing all day and it was accompanied by great sea which had been extending from the [illegible] body. At nightfall the wind continued to increase until by eight o'clock we had everything furled but a close reefed main topsail, foresail, and fore topmast staysail. My watch having the first four hours from eight to twelve on deck, we had managed by keeping a good lookout and [illegible] the time to keep clear of the ice and at twelve [illegible] [illegible] through. We had just turned in and I was taking a smoke before going to sleep, when we all were [illegible] [illegible] against a floe with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to deck and at once at the [illegible] gave orders to call all hands. As we had no alternative but to [illegible] [illegible], which [illegible] [illegible] a great deal of [illegible] and [illegible] then going on deck we found the ship [illegible] [illegible]. We [illegible] [illegible] on a [illegible] ship [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the other tack until we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], when the [illegible] would be [illegible]. The night was intensely cold, with a [illegible] flurry of snow, [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] on the rigging would [illegible] in a minute at the [illegible] [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I think that if we had not been kept pulling and hauling.

day nearly all the time, some of us would have frozen, for we were all out in the storm. But the longest night gets over and morning dawned at last, and the other watch were sent below for breakfast, and in their [illegible] and [illegible] on deck, we went below and ate ours and then we [illegible] down last for [illegible].

During the day we managed to work clear of the ice, which had not damaged us any, except stripping off a little copper. We saw but few whales around the ice and lowering [illegible]. The first time that we lowered, the boat was about a mile from the ship, when a dense fog arose and they lost sight of the ship, but were all successful in finding her on [illegible] the third watch. We beat about here all day, ringing the fog bell and blowing horns in hopes that by some means they would find us. About [illegible], the fog lifted so suddenly and we had [illegible] [illegible] the boat almost [illegible] as we could be seen, and standing towards it we soon had the satisfaction of [illegible] them safe on board again. If the fog had held two or three days as it often does here, their situation would not have been very agreeable, unless they had fallen in with some other ship.

One morning soon after, we fell in with a narrow [illegible] of floe about a mile in length, and which was nearly surrounded by plenty of whales. There were a few of the ships here when we arrived, and before we got our boats down a number of whales were [illegible] struck. We lowered [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the ice, and almost as soon as we [illegible] [illegible] would come [illegible]. As the whale did not run much, we soon [illegible] up to [illegible], and had no trouble [illegible] them [illegible].

three strange boats came up and claimed him as their whale, having previously fastened to him and lost him by their line chafing against the ice and parting. It is the custom among whalemen to claim any whale under any circumstances, that they had with their irons in them and if the whale after being killed should be found to contain their irons their claim would be established. Our mate, however did not admit their claim and as they expressed their intention to help [illegible] it and then search for their irons [illegible] determination [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which was heard by our skipper [illegible] a bomb gun [illegible] out to them and after hearing the [illegible] of [illegible] saying to them that if their irons were found in the whale that he would [illegible]. By this time the whale was dead and to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] that their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] of the ship and tried to induce the Captain [illegible] to go halves, on the ground that if we had not [illegible] it they would never have secured it. What [illegible] heard of any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] when they could have the whale and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that time.

A few days after this we [illegible] [illegible] Bay. But little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and we [illegible] [illegible] along one of [illegible] when a boat came alongside, and [illegible] of us [illegible] a whale.

An answer being given in the affirmative the [illegible] header came on board and stated the case. He was the mate of the ship Cameron of N. L. and had left the ship three or four days before in a canoe up the bay. He had taken a whale and not knowing the whereabouts of the ship, he offered us half of the oil if we would try it out." We accepted the offer and came to anchor, and soon had it out. Before we had finished trying it out the [illegible] hove in sight and her captain came on board. But as it was rather late in the day, it was not by tried out. It yielded sixty barrels, of which thirty belonged to us, besides one half the bone.

We cruised here a spell but without success as the whales were very scarce, and what we did see were very shy and wild. We would go off and stay a week at a time, sleeping at night on the land along shore, and building a large fire before the entrance for the double purpose of keeping us warm and preventing the bears from visiting us rather familiarly with their presence. These shores are infested with brown bears, who prowl about feeding on the carcasses of whales that drift on shore, and when hungry will not object to a meal of one coming in their way. A night or two before, the one that we were camped on at present was occupied by one or two boats' crews belonging to a Russian ship, and two of their number wandered through a short distance from the camp in search of berries, and being intently engaged in gathering them, did not notice the stealthy approach of a bear until he was close upon them. They started to run, but the quickest running one, [illegible] stroke of his forepaw had completely [illegible] off his scalp and dragging him to the ground proceeded to devour him. His comrade, hearing the alarm, the yell of his unfortunate friend, came to the rescue with whatever came first at hand, and [illegible] in driving him off, but not before he had killed him and stripped the clothes from his body and commenced eating him.

They are often shot, but when encountered at close quarters are dangerous [illegible] to handle. They will not however attack a man unless pressed by hunger, or first attacked. An amusing incident connected with their [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] that noted grizzly [illegible] [illegible] in the column [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. He had built a fire [illegible] [illegible] he was [illegible] some of [illegible] [illegible] which the [illegible] was engaged in making a pot of coffee. While he was thus engaged, three [illegible] made their appearance from behind a point a little way [illegible] and had got within ten or three rods before they were observed. [illegible] [illegible] than I can tell you. The second made [illegible] [illegible] and the rest [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] kept in their [illegible] [illegible] the fire reaching the spot where [illegible] [illegible]. They [illegible] [illegible] without apparently [illegible] [illegible] as our business. We then went back and finished our coffee and [illegible], the second mate trying to excuse himself by saying that he only ran to get his gun. But my impression is that he thought the boat was as safe as the shore about that time.

As a general thing the crew were much dissatisfied with the officers as whalemen, and not having anything to hope for unless the ship did well, which did not seem very likely under present circumstances. some of them had threatened to leave her. but as yet none had done it. But one night the mate's boat came on board with only one and the third mate's missing two men. The boat had stopped on shore the night before and Johnson, Briggs, and Turner, [illegible] ran away together. We heard nothing from them for a long time and began to think that they might have starved or were killed by bears; when we heard that after wandering about a week or two and nearly starving, they were taken on board of a ship that was short of hands and brought home. The fourth mate's boat crew was now taken to fill up the depleted crews, and I was transferred to the third mate's boat.

The second mate and his boatsteerer did not get along together, for the boatsteerer found he was the better whaleman of the two; this circumstance [illegible] being the principal cause of their [illegible]. [illegible] One night he began to [illegible] [illegible] a whale, [illegible] accusing that he [illegible] for [illegible] the rest of the boats [illegible] his [illegible]. The captain was [illegible] and [illegible] either of first or second mate besides the second mate.

by saying that he did not believe that [illegible] he had a chance would miss it, and besides so much of it, the second mate was not sure about [illegible].

The next day, hearing that whales were plenty in Southwest Bay, we got under weigh and went over there. On first entering the bay we passed a vessel and hailed her to know if any whales had been taken. We were told that the [illegible] had sent a boat up the bay to a settlement of Indians and got a load of salmon trout, and on the way back had taken a small whale and then lay by him so long that the fish all spoilt and they had to throw them overboard. The first time that we lowered here the second mate got a chance at a whale, and running his boat square against him, went [illegible] to [illegible] before it to have a long time if he was near enough [illegible]. [illegible] seemed to suppose our boat [illegible] came [illegible] up to the [illegible], did see the whale, which made me laugh and [illegible] up. [illegible] the second mate [illegible] he could [illegible] at the same time [illegible] a whale [illegible] as the whale was dead it might have been [illegible] when he [illegible] needed it.

The weather being thick and the whales [illegible] we did not stay long [illegible] whale [illegible] [illegible] again. [illegible] we passed the [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible] and explored [illegible]. [illegible] from the ship Caroline took a whale, and the ship being out of sight the whale was anchored, and one of the boats went in search of the ship, while the other remained on the shore to watch it. Early one morning just before sunrise we discovered it [illegible] or adrift. It not being light enough to be seen from the shore we lowered boats and towed it alongside. We got the [illegible] as soon as possible and stowed them away out of sight, but had no sooner done so than their boat came alongside claiming it. They were told that they were mistaken as we had taken it adrift, but they insisted that it was theirs, and finally the [illegible] told them that they might [illegible] and see it cut in and if their [illegible] were found in it they might have the whale which was a [illegible] statement as we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and were shown only the places they had [illegible]. They persisted notwithstanding, that it was their whale, but on the advice of our [illegible] [illegible] they were obliged to give their claim, and left [illegible] that they would [illegible] a [illegible] if they ever had a chance, and that [illegible] they would [illegible]. On the whole [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The whale, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible], [illegible] first [illegible] which I have ever [illegible] [illegible], and managed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], taking [illegible] [illegible] the threatening [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] another [illegible] of the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] in the [illegible] which the [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible] [illegible] part [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which he had [illegible] receiving one between the eyes from Thompson. Then they grappled, each trying to throw the other. But the mate being the superior [illegible] size and weight overcoming the young[illegible] [illegible] was [illegible]. Thompson began to struggle to get the mate in the gangway when he would rather have to give up or the two go overboard together. They were just on the brink of going over the side, when the mate [illegible] of a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Thompson and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. He [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] any of the crew again. Thompson said that he would willingly [illegible] [illegible] consequences of [illegible] [illegible] had the satisfaction of whipping the mate with him.

And now while on the subject, I will relate the second mate's passage of arms [illegible] the manner in which this dignitary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the cabin [illegible] that the mate had a [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and after which he would [illegible] [illegible] as far as the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] it happened to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] on the top of the head [illegible] Thompson [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Thompson tried to [illegible] himself [illegible] [illegible] that it was accidental, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but it did not [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to get [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] line it did not run very fast, and while he was waiting for it the second mate came along and told him to hurry up or he would come down there and hurry him, at the same time kicking sand at him from the hatchway. Upon which, Thompson asked him why he did not come down and strike him like a man if he wanted to [illegible] he jumped down into the hold and knocked him down. He was knocked down in his turn by Thompson, and they exchanged blows for a minute or two when Thompson, getting him down, was pummelling him soundly when the second mate seeing that it was of no use to continue the fight, cried out enough and came out of the hold feeling cheap enough, for it had been witnessed by all the other watch, who were all standing round the hatchway [illegible] talk of the mate.

Leaving the bay we were next to [illegible] bay for to get wood and water, and then stood up the coast as far as the small Russian village of Ayan, [illegible] a good anchorage [illegible] for shelter. We laid here two or three days in company with the [illegible] and [illegible], of [illegible] [illegible] from the same latitude. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] each other [illegible] [illegible] of the shore. [illegible] [illegible] March [illegible], where we [illegible] to stay the night, [illegible] [illegible] from there [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and melancholy [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] as though [illegible] something. [illegible] followed [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] wrecked in a gale [illegible] [illegible] and all hands perished.

The next [illegible]

our cruising.   One afternoon about four o'clock we saw whales to leeward and lowered accordingly.   Having a moderate breeze we set our sail and stood down for them. We had got almost within darting distance of one, when he went down. But we thought he would come back in a minute or two; he reappeared, not having seen us.   We started for him and the first iron he took we were after him, and [illegible] him [illegible] him again. He started with a rush and ran about two miles, when he hove up, rolling and fluttering, evidently becoming very uncomfortable. The second mate now came up and after that we soon had him spouting thick blood, and by night had him alongside with a fluke chain around him.   We found he made one hundred and forty barrels.

While we were cutting in, quite an accident happened to [illegible], the third officer. He was stationed on the staging over to gether with one of the boatsteerers, who was cutting the blanket piece into smaller ones to make them [illegible], and [illegible] was at work on the [illegible] close to him when the boatsteerer slipped, and the spade which was as sharp as a razor, penetrated about [illegible] in the calf of the leg, cutting [illegible] to the bone.   [illegible] at once and [illegible] on deck, when he suddenly fainted away.   He was taken into the cabin and the leg sewed up.   It was an ugly looking wound and he was laid up a month or so with it.

While cruising about here a short longer we were [illegible] to [illegible] to proceed [illegible] for the right whaling ground in the sea and some found [illegible] below there. We had lowered a few times, but it was known to every one but the skipper, that the officers did not care about troubling them.

One night, just at sunset, a whale made his appearance close to the ship, and lay there rolling and tumbling about, not seeming to be in the least hurry at all. Upon seeing him the skipper ordered the second mate to lower and pull right on to him, and either strike or [illegible]. The second mate then lowered and having nothing to do but obey orders pulled straight on to him, when his boatsteerer [illegible] plunged two irons into him, upon the reception of which the whale gave a flourish or two, and then began to show fight, slapping about with his tail but not showing the least disposition to run.

The other boats then lowered, the mate getting fast to him, while the third mate insisted on [illegible] up & pulling up to him trying to lance him, but as by this time it was dark he could not see very well and therefore was unable to tell what effect his lances had. Darkness had now hid us from the view of those on the ship, who had hoisted a light to let us know of their whereabouts. Instead of trying to kill the whale, the mate and second mate were lying in pure [illegible] of him, knowing by the time that the irons were fast to, and [illegible] [illegible] did not intend to get any nearer.

The whale by this time had got tired of the game, and now began to run, so that only the third mate's boat quickly lost sight of them.

The captain ordered in [illegible] the whale so that when it was dark for each boat to display a light, so that he could know the [illegible] of them and they of each other. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] played [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be cunning, and that, as we soon lost all knowledge of them, and returned to the ship. We had hardly got on board before the other two boats came alongside both of them acknowledging that their lines had parted, which by examination was ascribed to the [illegible] with a knife. It was singular to say the least that the two lines should have parted at the same time. It may have so happened that something was in the whale's way and [illegible] the whale had just before it parted, and then he was obliged to take the course of it and which at once the [illegible] of the boat which would give the cut and the appearance of having parted. The reader may take his choice of the two saying whether it parted or was cut.

The next day in the afternoon the whales were seen lightly a little distance from us. We lowered away and pulled for them and the third mate fastened. The whale went down, but one of the others, startled by the attack, rushed about at random, and with its tremendous strength in the air [illegible] across the boat, [illegible] to immediate destruction of all on board, but [illegible] was on our [illegible] we glided out of harm's way, when the [illegible] instead [illegible] on the very whale that we had fastened, giving us a thorough wetting. One whale was [illegible] off the [illegible] distance, and the whale starting to [illegible] away, [illegible] of the waist, which was a lucky exchange for the whale. The whale went to the [illegible] of the officers, continued to keep close to the whale, in that the skipper would observe their management. He would run a short distance and then coming to again, would begin to fight. The whale instead of hauling up and running him, remained perfectly still waiting for the other boats, and before they could arrive the whale would take another start and after working this way for an hour or two, the iron drew and the whale went about his business while the boats returned to the ship. As soon as the boats were hoisted, the ship was put before the wind and her course laid for the straits. the skipper having evidently seen enough of this kind of whaling. We went through the straits the next day, and [illegible] the pilot [illegible] and we were bound again for the Sandwich Islands.

## Chapter XIII.

## Between Seasons.

We had very rough weather after leaving the sea but the latter part of the passage the weather was good, and we went without incident and anchored in the harbor of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] fresh water [illegible] discharged the [illegible] [illegible] it was rather late in the season to think of making a successful voyage, so we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to go.

[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] while we [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have called Lahaina but the morals of the natives are not improved any by this. The harbor is not so safe as that of Hilo, but it much more frequented in consequence of the greater facilities for obtaining provisions. It is very dangerous landing here when the surf rolls in, as the small boats cross a reef, and by [illegible] very careful are in spite of all care sometimes it is capsized and often one or more are drowned.

The business carried on here is principally ship chandlery and swindling, and which of the two makes the most money I am unable to say. The government tries to make a good revenue off the licensing them both, and then if a sailor gets drunk they have him up and fining him; while the shipper might get drunk around half a dozen times a day and nobody would trouble him. Why not? Because it wont pay. Everything is all right here that pays.

We obtained liberty here and landing on the beach we bent our steps in the first place to [illegible], a [illegible] kept by an Englishman and the favorite resort of the whites here and ordering a glass of his beer, which has quite a flavor of its own, we then went for a cruise about the place. We soon found ourselves in the native quarter of the town which [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], each having a [illegible] collection of [illegible] by itself and the inhabitants of all shades from [illegible] color to nearly white and all equally trying to dispose their [illegible]. Our liberty was thus spent in this way there being nothing here to tempt the sailor to spend his time in any such way, if there was we were unable to find it.

The last day of our liberty getting a little way [illegible] the bay, I was seized by the "Kikos" or native police, who are always watching at opportunity and shoved into the fort. I was put into a little cell where I spent the night in company with a host of ants, fleas, lice and other vermin. In the morning the cell door was thrown open, and I stepped out into a passage leading into the yard with cells on each side. In the cell opposite to mine I found a man lying asleep, and he looking quite familiar I stepped into the cell, and found that it was Thomas who also had been brought in the night before. It seems that the Kikos had taken a regular raid around the night before, for marching them up we, drawn into the yard to a pump to [illegible] a wash, and there we found five more viz; Lee the boatsteerer, Bicknell, Dunn and Daniels. The two last had tried to run away and for this purpose had gone off in another ship's boat and stowed away aboard. They had been found by some Kikos who had gone off in search of them, our skipper getting wind [illegible] that they were on board.

The fort as it is called where we were confined enclosed about half an acre of ground surrounded by a wall about ten feet high. In the centre were two separate buildings, one for women and the other for men, the number of each confined there being about equal. They were [illegible] the frames of buildings [illegible] preventing [illegible] to a free circulation of air, but the weather being warm this was rather an advantage than otherwise.

We had [illegible] difficulty in getting out of [illegible] way out to [illegible], would be the wall, and that was to be easily surmountable were it not for the presence of sentries keeping it in sight, but this can be remedied as I shall now state.

He obtained a wash, and then our intent was carried out as, which consisted of a small tent of board at morning and again at night. He was allowed the liberty of the yard but was evidently deprived of it, for this reason. A Chap named Griffin belonging to the bark Lizzie lying in the harbor was confined here for deserting from her, having been established and consigned to the fort until the latter was about to sail. He agreed very much to go on board of her again, and so we resolved to get him clear. The wall, as I said before, was about ten feet high and so smooth that one could not climb it without his being noticed by the sentries who were stationed all around the yard. But we managed it in this way. Some, who [illegible] respectively, full six feet in height began to walk without backs and [illegible] towards the wall, the sentries walking close to them apparently engaged in conversation with them. [illegible] stationed himself at the corner of the wall and occupied the sentry's attention for a minute, which was all required, as [illegible] amounting to [illegible] over the wall in a twinkling, while we [illegible] the inner sentries not there concerned in it.

A few minutes afterwards the roll was called and Griffin was found to be missing. A search was made for him.

but without success. At length suspicion fell upon us in some way, and we were all put in a cell together where we were kept in solitary confinement for a week, and then allowed to go on board with the exception of the [illegible] who was kept here until the ship sailed. [illegible] got clear this time, and he remained hidden until the ship had sailed, when he came back and gave himself up, and then [illegible] for a shipping master to be paid and [illegible] shipped him in a homeward bound vessel, taking his advance as remuneration. This is done constantly, as [illegible] all the way from one half to two thirds of their crews by [illegible] and are obliged to supply their places when they make a second cruise with Kanakas who leave as soon as they arrive at the islands again, and a homeward bound ship has to [illegible] a crew in the same way. There are plenty of men found ready to ship who have deserted their [illegible] bound [illegible] for this very purpose, the crews of [illegible] [illegible] from home are composed of green hands, who [illegible] [illegible] of the sea, and take the first opportunity of deserting.

One day while ashore we fell in with [illegible] and [illegible], who [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. They had got aboard of a vessel and worked their passage down to [illegible] and were now trying to get a chance to ship for the States. They had not been there many days when the shippers spied them, who had [illegible] [illegible] and clapped into the fort forthwith. They were sentenced to pay [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not enough which the shippers refused to pay the shipping master paid it for them and shipped them in a homeward bound vessel, pocketing their advance as remuneration for paying their fine and shipping them, making something of value out of the operation.

While here two or three men ran away from the [illegible], a ship that lay near us, which was commanded by "Old Scale," as he was called among the whalemen. He had been a whaling skipper for years and had made a widely extended reputation for cruelty to his crew, so much so that a great many refused to ship with him, and those that did generally left him at the first opportunity. But he made very successful voyages, which in New Bedford would cover nearly any sin that was ever thought of.

We lay here about three weeks re-shipping and then started to the southward on a sperm whale cruise. Before leaving the captain shipped a first and second mate. The first mate was named Murdock, and we found afterwards that we had not gained much by the exchange. The second mate was a Dutchman named Bell, a good whale man but improving every opportunity that fell in his way to get drunk making an exhibition of himself in [illegible].

Just before we sailed the deserters were brought on board, and they were sent to duty without a word being said to them. Indeed, considering the past few months which they had not got much encouragement to stay by her, for it was evident to every one that none of us had any thing coming to them.

We had delightful weather on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] shores.
The first land that we made was Charles Island and the day that we came in

right of it we buried our third mate. He had been sick with the dysentery ever since leaving port. We laid him out and sewed him up in canvas. At the appointed hour all hands were called to bury the dead. The gangway plank was taken out and the body laid upon it and the captain commenced to read the burial service and at the words "We commend this body to the deep" two of the crew tilted the end of the plank and allowed the body to slide into the water, which being heavily weighted it immediately sank to rise no more until the resurrection. His name was Stephen Sylvia, and belonged to Flores, Western Islands.

After the burial was over the skipper lowered a boat and went on shore. We were met on the beach by a crowd of natives who immediately taking hold of our boat [illegible] all and carried her over the surf depositing her high and dry on the beach. We then landed and the skipper proceeded to the chief's house while the rest of us took a look around. The huts were in a little cluster in the shade of cocoanut trees close to the beach, but what took our eye of native fancy was to notice around nearly every hut a row of human skulls, which they seemed to regard as quite ornamental but whether they were skulls of their own people or prisoners taken in battle we could not ascertain. The natives were entirely naked but that did not embarrass them in the least. Our visit to the island was suddenly cut short by the following occurrence. One of our men wanting to trade, pulled out a plug of tobacco when he was instantly knocked down with a club and the tobacco taken from him and [illegible] it was gone in no time at all.

The skipper hearing the noise came out to see what the matter was followed by the chief, who when he saw what had taken place rebuked his people, but we started for the boat although we could not get it over the reef without the aid of the natives.
The skipper who was as much alarmed as we were, made his interview with the chief as short as possible and soon joined us at the boat where in a matter of ten [illegible] the canoe was dragged over the reef, we getting in it at the same time. As soon as we got clear of the island the skipper began to scold the man that was attacked, for being so thoughtless as to expose himself to the natives, for it might, had it not been for the chief, have led to the whole of us being attacked and robbed of our things.

The next island in our course was Ocean Island. This was the island which Thompson ran away the year before, and we learned from an Englishman that came off that the niger who brought Thompson back was dead, having been killed by the natives for the tobacco that he got on that job. He told Thompson that it was lucky for him that he had been brought back, as they were a murderous set and [illegible] [illegible] among them, and he [illegible] and wanted [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

At this island our skipper got alarmed again. The natives that came off [illegible] brought with them a hatchet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] proceeded to sharpen them. The skipper seeing this and that they kept coming, began to feel uneasy [illegible] and gave orders to [illegible] away. As soon as the natives began to see that we were leaving the island they started for their canoes and [illegible] the ship was clear of them. They were the most savage looking set that we had seen yet, and [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] that they were nearly all armed and kept increasing in number, we began to be apprehensive that they might take a notion to attack us, and if they had would surely have taken the ship, as we should be powerless against so many. We were just leaving the land when all at once a woman made her appearance on deck from the steerage. She had been [illegible] her [illegible], being so closely wrapped that she did not know the ship was leaving any [illegible] and on looking around and seeing that she was alone, she uttered a scream and began [illegible] to the land. The skipper [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] her made for [illegible] [illegible], which she did most unwillingly and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the land. The mate [illegible] remonstrated, saying that she would never reach it, but the skipper considered that she would easily, and we soon lost sight of her, but it was uncertain whether she reached land or not, for it did not look to me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

In [illegible] Drummond Island [illegible] the [illegible], at which there are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It is a collection of [illegible] [illegible] so close together that [illegible] [illegible] them is [illegible] [illegible]. We [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Island and [illegible], and finally touched at [illegible], one of the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] standing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and anchored, giving liberty and recruiting ship. Could see no difference in things between now and ten years before, and probably it was the same twenty years before, and will be for twenty to come.

While here Bell, the second mate, kept continually drunk, until at last getting fit on he was put in irons by the orders of the mate until he got sober. When he did get sober however, his wrath was as bad as ever but wholly directed against the mate for putting him in irons. The mate did not dare to loose him, but kept him confined until the captain came off, when he was released. He then told the mate that if they ever met ashore he would pin him out for this. The mate was rather afraid of him and took good care not to get ashore with him while he was with us.

We laid here about three weeks, our usual stay in port, and then we left the Western Ground for the Yellow and Japan Sea right whaling.

Shortly after leaving Guam the skipper began to miss various things, among other some cans of preserved meats, and part of a case of gin. As he kept the key of his stateroom when going ashore with the mate and as he and the steward were the only ones that had access to it, the theft lay between these two. They both denied it but it was evident from the skippers remarks that he more than suspected the mate of taking them. Further investigation proved that soap, molasses &c were missing, and it seems that most had been sold to the natives for rum by the second mate. This affair created a coolness between the captain and officers which lasted the whole cruise.

The cook had obtained at some of the islands some sugarcane, some apples, and other fruit, out of which he made a decoction that he called rum. He stashed it up in store of his but would not let anybody taste it. He then got the cooper to make him a keg which he filled with it and locked up in his chest secure as he thought from everybody. But one night somebody picked the lock of his chest and [illegible] the contents of the keg and then put it back in its place. The cook did not find it out till some time afterwards and then he cursed and stormed about it vowing vengeance on the one that did it. But he could never find out owing to the fact that but one or two were in the secret and they kept it still.

## Chapter XIV.

## The Japan Sea and the Arctic.

We arrived on the Eastern [illegible] about the first of April having experienced good weather during the passage with the exception of a typhoon which lasted about two days and which would have taken our masts by the board if we had not seen it in time and prepared for it. These typhoons are very treacherous customers. Of course whale [illegible] will be seen on the horizon, of which no notice will be taken at first. but soon the air will be full of white sand. and before anything can be done it is upon you, and then woe is if not prepared. Something must do. As we have it it will blow out and become moderate again.

A short time after we had entered the sea, one morning the lookout aloft reported something dead right ahead. On coming up with it we found it to be a dead whale. We towed it alongside, and the skipper taking a look at it thought it not worth the trouble of cutting in. The mate in the meantime had taken a small piece of the blubber and tried it out in the pot, and was showing it to the skipper and showing him the result he considered it at, and was surprised to find that it yielded sixty barrels of oil.

A day or two after this we saw eight whales and lowering for them the mate was soon fast. Soon after he fastened, the fourth mate who since the third mate's death had occupied his place, had a chance also and the second mate who was close by ran up to him to fasten. He did so and the whale going down and coming up, ran to windward until he was close to the ship when he hove to and lay there rolling and fanning. The skipper lowering his boat, pulled out to him and ordered him to cut loose from, at the same time asking him what he meant by fastening when the mate was already fast. To which he replied that, he could not kill him he would not come on board again. "I don't care anything about that," says the skipper, "I told you to cut from him." "Well, cut it is," says the third mate, and cutting loose from him returned to the ship. The whale lay about there for half an hour or more and could easily have been killed. The mate's whale continued to run until darkness coming on he was cut from and the boat returned. Thus two whales were lost that day, one by the obstinacy of the skipper, and the other by his own obstinacy. When the officers heard the reason why the third mate's whale was not taken, they were much vexed with the skipper, the second mate saying that it was by his orders that he fastened. The skipper then said that he did not want two whales fastened to at once, but all turn to and kill one and get it alongside and then get another. To which the second mate answered that he did not work in that way, and if every boat was fast but his and he had a chance, he would fasten and not cut for anybody.

The next day we spoke the ship Three Brothers, of N. Bd. he had been cruising there two or three days but [illegible] saw no whales.

We fell in with whales again in a day or two and this time the second mate fastened, and in a short time it was killed and alongside. It made us seventy barrels. Two or three days afterwards we saw them again, and the second mate got another, and being to windward of the ship, we were obliged to pull up to him. After taking a look at him the whale lay about one-eighth of a mile to windward. The skipper sang out to the second mate to run a waif to the ship, and he would [illegible] [illegible] otherwise. To which the second mate answered that he had better take another tack, as he was afraid that if we commenced hauling at such a distance, the whale would be drawn under water and sink. But the captain insisting that a line should be run, one was run accordingly, and we all commenced hauling. But as soon as we obtained a strain on the whale it sank like a stone. The skipper now had nothing more to say. The water not being more than 25 or 30 fathoms in depth here, and a sunken whale usually rising in three or four days we concluded to lay by him a short time. For this purpose a boat was sent out there and taking the line the end of which was fast to the irons in the whale, was relieved every four hours by another boat, the ship keeping near by under short sail. We laid by it in that manner three days, and on the morning of the fourth all of the boats proceeded out there, and all hands taking hold of the line began to pull in hopes of raising it. But in the midst of the hauling the line parted, and that ended our connection with that whale. We raised whales again in a day or two for the last time on this ground, and lowering the mate fastened, and the whale being made fast by the irons it did not offer to run but lay still and allowed itself to be killed without any trouble.

While were cutting in the [illegible] came in sight. Her captain came on board and congratulated us on our success, and added that he had got one too having taken one the day before and having it now in the blubber-room.

On this ground we spoke the ship William Thompson, and learned from her that she had picked up our whale that we had lost by a line on the very next day after we left it and it made them ninety barrels. The Wm. Thompson had taken a whale a day or two previous and as he was struck one of the crew getting entangled in the line, was carried down. He was not seen again, and they proceeded to kill the whale and she was taken alongside, when the body of the man was discovered just under the whale's fin, where he had been the whole time they had been engaged in killing it, entangled in the line.

Not seeing any more whales we entered the Japan Sea and shaped our course for Hakodadi, where we came to anchor about the last of May, 1859.

There was but little difference between now and a year before when we were here, no trade being allowed except through a custom house, which had been established during the past year. But there was this advantage in it. We could purchase of anything that we chose, by taking the article to the custom house and paying the officer there the value of it in silver, and they paying the owner of the goods in the currency of the country. Another institution we found introduced within a year. A house of prostitution had been erected and was in full operation when we arrived, the inmates being Japanese women. The Japanese called it the American house.

None of us were allowed to go ashore at night. [illegible] having the [illegible] to sleep out at night. One evening, however, [illegible] the second mate took a notion to go ashore, and taking a boat went on shore when he desired. He came back about four o'clock, but [illegible]

Thompson. He had formed one of the boat's crew and had taken that opportunity to desert again. What his object could be in deserting here we could scarcely conjecture for he would not be allowed to stay on the island, but when found would be delivered up by the Japanese to the consul, who would put him on board of the first vessel that quitted the harbor and he would have to go whither anyhow and he might not better himself much by the exchange.
A day or two after that, being ashore and passing a pile of lumber close to the landing, I heard my name spoken, and listening, I soon ascertained that it came from Thompson, who was hidden in the lumber where he had been ever since he deserted, not daring to show himself until the ship had sailed. He begged me for something to eat as he had not had any food for two days. I had nothing then, but told him that I would try to get him something in the course of the day. The next time the boat came ashore, I came in it having some bread and beef in my bosom and watching my opportunity I gave it to him.
He lay hidden there until within a day or two of the ship's sailing, when he was missing, and we heard some way or other that he had been seen in the back part of the town, but he had not been taken when we left. We heard that as soon as the ship sailed he intended to give himself up to the consul. We never heard what became of him.

In a week or two we again found ourselves at sea bound up the coast of Kamt-

-chatka to the Arctic. Nothing of any consequence happened until we reached Cape St. Thaddeus, when we encountered a heavy gale of wind and were forced to take in everything. We lay to until the next day, when it began to moderate and about four o'clock it was nearly calm, but still a heavy sea on. All at once whales appeared around the ship as thick as grasshoppers, and lowering away the second mate was fast in a very few moments. But the whale, instead of running, showed fight, and began to whip around violently with his flukes. The third mate now went down to fasten, and had nearly reached it when the second mate sung out to him not to go to windward of the whale, on account of the heavy sea, but to fasten from leeward. To which the third mate responded "you look out for your boat and I will for mine" and continued to windward, just as the harpooner darted, a sea catching the boat, knocked her round, in spite of the third mate's exertions, and threw her broadside onto the whale, when she was instantly smashed by a blow from his flukes, and all of her crew were thrown in the water, except the third mate, who, however, was the first one to reach the boat, but he was not allowed to tell till the rest were picked up. One man killed, a Kanaka, and one badly injured, and a terrible cut on his head through which his brain was protruding, but he came round again afterwards. The rest escaped without any serious injury. The disaster was all through the obstinacy of the third mate, who [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible], and [illegible] them no one could give him any advice. The mate, who had picked up the boat's crew, carried them on board while the second mate who was hung to the whale suspended operations. It was soon killed and made us 178 barrels, being the largest whale that we got.

A day or two afterwards we fell in with whales again, and our second mate going on to one the boatsteerer darted, but the iron bounced right back, owing to the whale being poor and her blubber being slack. The whale did not seem to be greatly alarmed, but started to windward about as fast as the boat could sail. The second mate see-ing that he did not gain upon it, the next time it came up commenced hallooing as loud as he could, on hearing which the whale hove up, and lifted its head out of water apparently to be trying to make out what it all meant. We soon found out the meaning, for the boat dashing up the boatsteerer darted again and this time fastened solid, killing it with the lance.

Being in sight of the land most of the time the natives often came off to us in their canoes made of seal skin, bringing off walrus tusks, whalebone, furs and skins. They are a very small, repulsive looking race of people, dressing in skins men and women alike. Their first in-quiry on coming on board was for chaw, and that being chewing tobacco. They would take a piece of raw blubber and gobble it down as if it was a very choice morsel.

We here fell in with the Eliza Adams again and this time it was their turn to crow and with good reason, they having taken 1000 bbls in the short space of three weeks which was a great sea-sons work. The next day after nearly her it came on foggy and calm and continued so for two or three days. That night about ten o'clock the look-out sang out "Light ho" and close to us right ahead, we saw a light which kept approaching nearer and nearer, until we could see that it was a vessel bearing out. We slowly drifted towards one another and there being no breeze we were perfectly helpless. We came together with a crash which awakened everybody on the ship. Fenders and spars were got out to keep her from us and finally we drifted apart without any serious damage to either of us. As soon as we came together we found it to be the Eliza Adams, and our skipper dropping on deck half dressed was hailed by her skipper, "I say, Captain, this is a good time to take my cat on board." It seems that they had been talking [illegible] since the Eliza Adams sat by us at the end of the season. Our skipper made out to answer him, but was too much alarmed to see much of a joke in it.

We kept company with the Eliza Adams and on the fourth of July, we entered Behring's Strait together. Just before we entered we had been gamming one another, but a thick fog coming on we lost sight of each other. Shortly after about [illegible] at our second [illegible] we came to an anchor. A few minutes after anchoring we heard the sound of a horn close to us. We also answered it and found that it was another ship within hail of us, but invisible through the fog. It was the Eliza Adams which had drifted down on the southern shore, and had run through the Straits in the fog, and had anchored within hailing distance of us, each knowing nothing of the proximity of the other. We never saw each other again however for when the fog lifted she had gone.

A few days before we entered a vessel was run ashore in the Straits while making the passage through in a thick fog. Her name was the William Tell, of Sag Harbor. She was ransacked and stripped by one or two vessels and then left to go to pieces as it was impossible to get her off.

We lay at anchor until the next day when the fog clearing up, revealed our position. We were just inside the Straits and we could see on either hand the continents of Asia and America. They did not present a very cheerful prospect being covered with snow and ice and presenting no appearance of vegetation.

We got under way again and stood to the northward and soon meeting the ice we coasted along its outer edge. A number of ships were in sight but the whales were very scarce. We now continued to have an uninterrupted day, as the sun merely disappeared below the horizon and then rose again, not setting long enough for it to get dark.

Ever since leaving Lahaina we had been stinted in our meat, although having plenty of flour and bread, until at last we did not have half of what we wanted and all talk to the cook was answered by, "The captain tells me to make a barrel of beef last so long and you must go to him." We accordingly mustered one day and going aft, stated our grievance and petitioned for redress. "I want you to have enough" says he "and I'll give you it. You have flour, bread, rice and other stores. Don't you have enough to eat" said he, turning to me. "Yes sir," I answered, "I have enough of everything but meat." He put the one or the other the same question and received the same answer. We did not get much satisfaction out of him in the way of talk, but our meat immediately increased in quantity.

We here spoke the ship [illegible] of N. B. She was commanded by one of those old sea dogs who with their success in whaling have gained a wide spread fame for cruelty. The skipper's name was Edwards, and his looks were a good index to his character. He had commanded a ship called the Gen. Washington, some years before, and going into a South American port the crew set her on fire to get clear of him. This skipper like a great many others had been successful in his voyages and therefore was a saint, although it regularly took about half of his voyage to settle the lawsuits that were brought against him by the crew.

The first part of the season we had very moderate weather, but the latter part of the [illegible] part of season is [illegible] to be the very worst we ever had. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in all its wretchedness and grandeur. The latter part of the season we began to have a little weather, and then they [illegible] [illegible] up under the ship would [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible], and then would crash and smash until we could hear the vessel crack and stretch every rib around us.

We were not successful in catching whales, [illegible] seeing them but [illegible] [illegible], and then they were so shy that we could not get near them. Having experienced a heavy gale that came on at the commencement of our passage, and at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], we left the Arctic early in September and after a moderate run we came to anchor in Honolulu, the harbor of Oahu.

## Chapter XV.

## In the Hospital.

Honolulu is the largest town in the Sandwich Islands and the seat of government, containing about ten thousand inhabitants. It has a very fine harbor formed by a coral reef, and is capable of holding any number of vessels in safety. Wharves have been built here alongside of which vessels can be brought and readily unloaded. There is quite a number of whalers here and some very extensive mercantile houses are located here, which do a thriving business during the shipping season. When we last here there were fully 125 to 150 whalers here and it presented a lively appearance on shore. The streets were filled with sailors and the public houses reaped a golden harvest, for sailors were twenty-five costs a drink and it did not take a great while to get rid of a dollar, to say nothing of the women who besieged one on every hand, and it was about the time that the vessels were expected [illegible] in from the cruise and the neighboring islands to pursue their traffic and reap their share of the harvest.

We now heard that the captain of the King-fisher, a clipper bark belonging to New Bedford, had lost his life in this manner. He had fastened to a whale when the cabin boy who pulled the after oar became entangled in the line. He tried to clear him and just as he succeeded he became entangled himself and was carried out of the boat and never seen more.

I now became affected with a singular complaint. I could see well enough in the daytime, but as soon as darkness came on I became totally blind but on coming into the presence of a light I could see as well as ever. It was very disagreeable, as at night I would be useless. It would not abate this [illegible] which was about a week. Some of the crew at [illegible] all had been affected with it at various times. The cause of it we could not tell. Others laid it to sleeping exposed to the moon's rays, but that could not be the cause in my case as I was always very particular not to expose myself to it when I was asleep. Others laid it to the salt [illegible] but we could never satisfactorily account for it.

We were alarmed one night by one of the crew coming aft to the [illegible] and telling us that Dan the boatsteerer was drowned. I went on deck and there he lay to all appearance dead. It seems that he had been [illegible] drunk and stretched himself out on the rail amidships against the main rigging.

where he seemed determined to stay in spite of all efforts to the contrary. He was finally left alone to weather it out, the boat steerer in charge of the deck keeping an eye on him. But he soon got [illegible], when after a while [illegible] [illegible] he missed his hold and suddenly [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] we beheld him floating in the water face up to all appearance dead. Jumping into a boat that lay alongside we got him out and then [illegible] some of it out to [illegible] get him on deck. We rolled him on a cask and rubbed him to restore circulation, and he finally came to, but it was a tight match between him and death.

The bark Monmouth, of Cold Spring, had [illegible] [illegible] two of her men [illegible] [illegible] clear of her, [illegible] [illegible] up in the try pots, [illegible] or [illegible], having nothing over them but the covering, an old [illegible]. The reason of this was that they had noticed that when the ship was searched for runaways, they always passed the trypots without notice. They staid there in the day, coming out at night, and although exposed to sight it proved to be the safest place in the ship, for while they were on board she was searched two or three times, and if hidden below they would inevitably have been found, as were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] the ship's hold; but although leaning against the trypots and almost touching the [illegible] sometimes, yet they remained undiscovered. They staid on board until their ship sailed, when they went ashore and shipped in a homeward bounder.

Our skipper walking along the street one day, came across Freeman who it will be recollected ran away in Pohantau bay the season before. He had some talk with him and finally told him that anyhow he must take him again, which so frightened him that instead of waiting for a chance to ship for home, he went and shipped that day on board of a vessel bound North, thus jumping out of the frying pan to the fire. It would not have been a very great hardship if the skipper had taken him, as we were homeward bound.

As we were going along the street one evening about dark, we met the chaingang coming from work. They numbered about twenty, mostly Kanakas with here and there a white man. Among the latter we recognized the steward of the ship Merea, which we had gammed with at Ohau the season before. While the ship was laying at Honolulu, he stole four hundred dollars from the captain's room. As soon as it was missed suspicion fell upon him and he was arrested, but only part of the money was recovered, he having got rid of nearly the whole. He was tried and sentenced to the chaingang for two years, and was now busily employed in working out his time.

I was fated to stay longer on this island than the rest of my companions, not getting clear with much ease. I was so careless as to went in bathing from the ship when I was warm, and the result was that the next day I was taken with the dysentery which soon increased to such a degree that I had to go ashore to the hospital. I was sick for about a week with it before I found any relief, and in that time I was so much weakened that I could hardly stand. In the meantime I had been discharged from the ship and she had [illegible] for hours. When I got smart enough I began to take short walks about the place, being advised by the doctor to take all the exercise that I could.

The doctor's name was Guillou, and he had been in charge of the hospital some years, and a more capable and attentive man to his duties it would not have been found. All who arrived there were among the first, the Catholic Priest and assisting [illegible] there some time. the streets still presented a lively appearance especially at night when the sound of music would peal forth from every public house, and would sound all around. Dancers [illegible] dancing alleys, &c. At one end of the room would be a [illegible] two [illegible] being [illegible] around. There would be stretched a plank or rail, the width of which would be trodden by a [illegible] the men and the women, which seemed to continue till one of them stopped from fatigue, when one would come to step on the boards. Going out of there, a few steps further on would be seen another scene. Having finished a [illegible] being [illegible] in the shape of a [illegible] going on, which would be continued until stopped by the arrival of the rider, who would carry off the [illegible] or last prisoner on [illegible] keeping them at bay until the offenders escaped. Mingling with the throng, in and out, [illegible] were innumerable native women, mostly young, dressed in their native costume [illegible], with here and there one sporting a silk one. Their heads adorned with flower wreaths, and ever ready to drink, dance or render themselves agreeable, generally, to the sailors.

The most lonely place in the town at this time is the reading room and library for seamen. While the public houses are situated in the most public streets, and every means taken to attract the sailor to them, the reading room is unknown to the majority of seamen, being located in a little unfrequented [illegible] up a flight of stairs in the second story of a building erected by the Seamen's Friend Society. On a visit being made to it there would seldom be found more than one person in it and often none. I cannot help thinking that if half the pains were taken to attract seamen to these rooms as there is to induce them to enter public houses, the result would be different. I paid a visit to it a number of times, and always with the same result. In fact there is no temptation to repeat a visit, for there are nothing readable on the table but a few pamphlets containing reports of societies &c., with a few old Bibles, and an old volume of Chambers' Edinburgh Journal with its beginning gone. The library is kept under lock and key, and in case of a book being wanted it is necessary to [illegible] to obtain it, there being no resident [illegible], and the key [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

In three or four weeks the [illegible] which I have before mentioned had considerably [illegible]. The streets had [illegible] nearly [illegible] [illegible]. There were only here and there one [illegible], and these you would see along the same streets as those [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the natives, the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] although the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The main street of [illegible], after [illegible] through the town, takes [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] through a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

valley which is dotted with handsome cottages and gardens. The residences of most of the officers on the island being located there.

The hospital is very unhealthily located, in a low swampy piece of ground with a stagnant pond of water right alongside of it, breeding myriads of mosquitoes, which torment us day and night. The results of promiscuous intercourse with the native women are very bad here, nearly one half the cases being private diseases; the rest being for the most part rheumatism and scurvy, with here and there one sick with the dysentery or diarrhoea.

There was a Bethel preacher stationed here by the Board of Missions but although here nearly three months yet I only saw him at the hospital but once or twice, though it is of course all voluntary, and once or twice on a Sunday he delivered a discourse. As he was here to do good, he had quite a field for exercise, for at the time I was there the inmates numbered over one hundred, some going out and others coming in all the time and it would seem that company of misery such a number of sick and dying, he might would have found much anxiety and concern as to the future welfare of their souls.

One of the beds in the ward where I was stationed, was occupied by a Frenchman recovering from the fever. One night we were all sleeping away in defiance of the mosquitoes, when we were all suddenly awakened by the Frenchman who appeared to be greatly alarmed about something, but he was so excited that he had forgotten what little English he knew and was unable for some time to tell what the matter was. At last he got it out. A centipede had run across his face and was in his bed or the room somewhere. This startled the whole of us, and striking a light we made a search for him. He was soon discovered and killed. It was about nine inches in length, of a pale green color, and about the size of a large pencil, with four or five legs on a side, and clearly a pair of nippers attached to its head with which it inflicts its sting. It did not look as if it would prove a very agreeable bedfellow.

There was also in our ward a young man by the name of Cassidy, who had been [illegible] with the [illegible], but was now convalescent and getting stronger every day, and the doctor allowed him to [illegible] all that he could. He had run away from the bark Ganega the year before, and had shipped the next season in another vessel from which he was discharged sick with the scurvy. Walking along the street one day, he fell in with the captain of the Ganega, which vessel was then lying in the harbor. The captain of the Ganega recognized him, and began inquiring of him about his reasons and then whether he had made anything. Cassidy [illegible] he had been laid off with. "I was too lazy to get it," said the whaler. "That is the reason you missed your another voyage," answered Cassidy. It seems that he had deserted the vessel and [illegible], the captain of the [illegible] [illegible] the other vessel, [illegible] not been paid off, [illegible] [illegible] which was [illegible] captain [illegible] at Cassidy's expense [illegible] couple of days and took him to the port, there to be transported to the vessel. But he reckoned without his host this time, for one of the desperate mortals happened to [illegible] [illegible], and in his [illegible] attended went directly to the consul's office and informed of it. "What ship did you say?" asked the consul. "The Omega." "There is no such ship in the harbor," said the consul. "She is standing off and on." "I shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not enter the port, and take a man out of the hospital [illegible] is not." He sent for him, and he soon came in, when the consul informed him how [illegible] made up by [illegible] for the [illegible]. When he arrived the consul said to the captain, "You say that is your man, and that he was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]." "Yes, sir." "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he belonged to your vessel." "Yes, sir." "Then," said the consul, "discharge him and pay him three months wages, and he is [illegible] in the [illegible] Hospital." The [illegible] was that he was caught and he could not back out. He had better have let him alone, for he had to pay three [illegible] dollars for his wages besides paying for his board and [illegible] at the hotel. [illegible] whatever [illegible] not receive wages, but ship for a [illegible] [illegible] in the event of their being discharged in a foreign port the captain is required to pay them three months wages at [illegible] rate at twelve dollars a month to the consul, who is empowered on the departure of the sailor to give him two thirds of the money, the rest [illegible]-

ing to the government. This is all supposition however, for the men seldom receive it, it going in to the consul's pocket, who is never at a loss for an excuse for not paying it, or else flatly denies it to you, or in affectation [illegible].

A short time before I left, a kanaka was hung for the murder of his wife. He had been tried and sentenced by a court composed of whites. A short time previous to this trial, the mate of the Frances Palmer, a packet that ran between here and San Francisco had been tried and acquitted by the same court, for the murder of a kanaka who at the time was steward of the F. P., although the evidence proved him guilty. The hanging of this kanaka exasperated the natives, and the next morning placards were found posted all over the place, written in the Hawaiian language, calling upon the natives to rise and exterminate the whites, as they could not hope for justice under their rule. This created a great excitement among both classes, especially the whites, who took every necessary measure to meet the danger, which [illegible] at last [illegible] of no one [illegible] to lead the way.

I had been here about five months, when one day the skipper said to me, that he [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] begin to think of looking out for myself. [illegible] was [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] calling [illegible] San Francisco packets, the schooner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. As the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at a [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] passage to San Francisco [illegible] for it. He said that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] San Francisco, that being the [illegible] [illegible] in the United States. [illegible] was no ship expected in for some time. I accepted a position thinking that there I could ship for home.

On leaving the hospital a seaman is entitled to a change of clothing. The person that presided over the department, was a Captain Dimmock, a great scoundrel possessed of power in the island, where he largely succeeded in cheating seamen by withholding their due, and then [illegible] with the government. The morning that I left I went to him for some clothes, when he flung me a pair of shoddy pants, just enough for one month, with a woolen shirt, a hat, and a pair of shoes. For getting any thing more I told him that I believed that I was entitled to a few more, when he turned upon me insultingly, "You may think yourself very lucky to get them. If you don't want 'em you shan't have those." It was of no use for me to say anything. I left him no doubt charging the government with and receiving the pay for a full complement of clothing, the balance of which went into his own pocket. That is the way they do it.

Two of those sailors were going with me to the vessel that I was detailed to, and on picking up our traps we started for the dock and took them on board of the bark Yankee. We then proceeded to the consul's office to receive the balance of our discharge money. The consul, whose name was [illegible], was going to San Francisco by the Yankee, and had left the business in the hands of a deputy named Dougherty.

On asking for my money I was politely informed that I was not entitled to it. On asking the reason why, I could get no satisfactory answer, and was finally forced to go without it. Two thirds of our foreign consuls are broken down gamblers and mechanics or some such thing, etc., if they possess sufficient influence to get appointed to a consulship, are all right, as they can retrieve their fortunes in a year or two by a systematic plundering of the sailor, who's fair game for all.

## Chapter XVI.

## Passage to Callao.

Everything being ready on the day appointed, [illegible] and were towed outside of the bay by the tug, which then left us and we proceeded on our way. The weather was very pleasant with a moderate breeze and the land was soon out of sight. The first night out about one o'clock, we were startled by hearing the cry of a [illegible], and on search being made it was discovered that one of the passengers had crawled into a small window in his stateroom and committed suicide by throwing himself through the same. He [illegible] the [illegible] and the next day at [illegible] o'clock the [illegible] were on the [illegible] and the burial service was read over him and his body committed to the deep.

Our passage to San Francisco was very pleasant, moderate winds prevailing all the time and on the evening of the fourteenth day we made the entrance of San Francisco harbor. The wind being fair we stood up the harbor, and about three o'clock were fast alongside of a wharf.

Towards night my companion and myself packed up our traps and landed on the wharf. Neither of us had any money but we did not mind that, as it is the custom for sailors to go to a boarding house and stay until they ship, getting one or two months' advance wages with which they settle their board bill. We soon reached a boarding house and giving our traps to the landlord for safe keeping, we entered our names in his book. Then being treated to a glass of bad whiskey, we took our seats at the supper table, and made the best meal that we had eaten for many a day. There was corned beef and ham, roast beef and pork steaks, roast lamb and pork, hashed meat and potatoes, bread and butter, pies and short cake, which to us who had so long lived on hard bread and beef, was as all the luxuries [illegible] seemed like a feast, and [illegible] we did justice to it.

The next morning after breakfast I took a walk about the city. It is wonderful to see the difference that a few years have made. From a small collection of huts, it has grown in that time to a large and flourishing city, with extensive docks and wharves, filled with shipping from all parts of the world, and streets lined with extensive warehouses and stores, displaying as great a variety of goods as any other place in the world. A good part of the city is built on piles driven in the mud and planked over, upon which houses are erected and streets made, while underneath the tide ebbs and flows. The streets present a lively appearance and it has all the appearance of an Eastern city, showing handsome stone blocks and public buildings. The different nations rather seem to live by themselves, giving their names to the different quarters in which they reside, thus [illegible] French town, Spanish town, China town, &c.

Owing for the most part to its being a vast floating population the first house you will [illegible] come to will be a boarding house, the next an eating house, and then a drinking saloon, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for a private dwelling or [illegible] so on to the end of the chapter.

The city is a perfect paradise for bootblacks. On nearly every corner or convenient [illegible] chair, on which a customer [illegible], and [illegible] the dandy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The smallest [illegible] is a bit, [illegible], and [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] makes as good a living as a mechanic.

I staid in San Francisco [illegible], and then shipped in the Emily [illegible], a ship of about [illegible] tons, bound to [illegible] and probably New York. Received a month's advance wages, and [illegible] with the [illegible] master, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible]. We [illegible] the [illegible] and spent the day in [illegible] and getting ready [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] at day light, the [illegible] [illegible]

1866. we hove up our anchor, and after tacking we were soon outside of the harbor and then cast off, while we proceeded to make sail and stood on our course.

The crew numbered sixteen before the mast, all seamen and four boys, and most of them were what is denominated "hard cases." The first day out at noon the cook sent the dinner forward which proved rather scanty, and a man was sent to the galley for more. The cook told him that he had no more. On coming back with this word, one of the hard cases who went by the name of Jim Hall set for the galley, and asked the cook where his dinner was. On being told that it had all been sent forward he struck him, knocking him across the galley. "There," says the cook, "you've commenced already." "Aye, been expecting it some time ahead." Two or three of the crew then went aft and calling the mate asked him if he expected them to work. "Most decidedly," answered the mate. "We must have enough to eat then, or most decidedly we won't work" was the reply. They then went forward and refused to turn to, until the cook mustered some more food and sent it forward.

These men were all seamen, and could work under strict discipline always, provided they were treated well. They would not submit to be imposed on in this point, but take no abusive word from the officers. The third mate who was on his first voyage as an officer was highly impertinent and took every opportunity to show it. He was despised by the crew who took no pains to conceal it, which irritated him very much. One day a little Irish chap was doing something that did not suit him, when he began to jaw with and one word brought on another until at last the third mate struck him. The Irish chap who was no match for the third mate was getting knocked down by him, when another Irish chap who was standing by who went by the name of Paddy, sprang towards him saying "you son of a bitch I'll fight you for him," at the same time striking him. At this unexpected turn of affairs the third mate started and ran for the cabin, followed by Paddy busily employed in applying his boot to the rear and giving him a farewell kick as he entered the cabin. This was witnessed by the other officers who took no steps to interfere as the rest of the crew were close at hand and their interference would have been the signal for a general row.

The officers had very little to say at any time, for they were afraid of the crew as we [illegible] all [illegible], and at the worst [illegible]. One of the crew came to the galley one day at dinner saying that he had lost that day's [illegible] for his dinner and showing a piece that the cook had saved for the [illegible] it was cooked at forward. The mate hearing of it came to the galley and told the cook that it ought to scald them. "There [illegible] never been a man in the ship that couldn't scald them," said the cook. "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would," said the [illegible] "[illegible] but [illegible] didn't [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the cook.

[illegible] [illegible] mate was a [illegible] [illegible] gentlemanly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if he had only had sufficient backers. As it was he kept a civil tongue in his head on those subjects except on one particular. One of the boys was a Frenchman of about eighteen years old and in him was nested the spirit that he did not care to show to the men. He took every occasion to scoff [illegible] which happened often, as his ignorance of English made him often commit mistakes, the first intimation of which would be a kick or a blow.

It had gone on so for two or three weeks, when one night the first watch being called, after it had been on deck some time, it was [illegible] by the second mate that the Frenchman was still asleep in his bunk. He immediately went and called him in a tone which bespoke that he was ready to fight him as soon as he appeared. When he made his appearance the second mate started for him and slapped him in the face, and commenced kicking him, when the Frenchman drawing his sheath knife, stabbed him in the cheek, the blade going through it and between the jaws where it broke off close to the handle. The boy remarked that it was [illegible] intended for him lower at the belly, and if his knife had been whole it would have about fixed him out. As soon as he found out that he was not to make the ship [illegible] with none of the [illegible] which amused everybody in the ship. One of the crew coming up asked "where's the Frenchman?" "I guess you won't see him" was the reply. He kept him [illegible] for about a week then it was a month before he was entirely well. The French man was put in irons and confined below until arriving in Callao when he was taken before the consul and a hearing had, in which there was so much variation between the witnesses and the second mate's story, that the consul could not see any reason to punish him, but gave him the choice of leaving or staying in her. He preferred to stay in her if he could be let alone, which was promised by the skipper, and he came aboard. He had much better have left her, for in obtaining his discharge at London, he found that he had nothing coming to him, the consul having taken all his wages while the second mate was not [illegible] for anything. Another fine specimen of our foreign consuls.

We had another specimen of the growling Englishman in the crew, an old English sailor who was continually growling at everything. He was given the name of Plutarch, by the crew, which name he by no means relished, but it stuck to him as long as he remained in the vessel which was not longer than his arrival in [illegible], which we reached after a beautiful passage of about [illegible] days, taking our departure [illegible] during the passage.

Standing into the harbor with a light wind we undertook to [illegible] at anchor, [illegible] the [illegible] in the [illegible]. [illegible] him, the [illegible] of an English [illegible], and [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. But at last [illegible] clear [illegible] damage to our part, and came to an anchor. Here we were to wait with guards at the chain cables our upper works had to be caulked and pitched before we left. The [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] morning brought word that after leaving we were ordered to look for [illegible] [illegible] of the United States.

The harbor of Callao is very spacious and capable of holding any number of vessels safely. The city is a place of considerable trade, and being the seaport of Lima and the resort of the grand fleet besides being the centre of a large coasting trade, the harbor presented a lively appearance being thickly dotted with vessels large and small.

At this time the Peruvian government was offering a bounty and good wages, for seamen to man their navy and in consequence, eight or ten of our crew deserted and went on shore. These were the "hardest" cases, and on it being reported to the captain that they were leaving the ship, he said, "Let them go; I am glad to get rid of them."

There were lying here when we arrived three French men of war, a steamer, sloop of war, and an 80 gun ship, named the Duchay Trouin. Their errand here was to settle some difficulty with the Peruvian government. I never could fairly understand what the difficulty was, but as near as I could ascertain, one cause of complaint was that some French sailors belonging to a man-of-war had been "Shanghaied" that is, had been got drunk with drugged liquor, and while in that condition shipped and carried on board some other vessel and taken to sea; for which and some other causes of complaint, separation was demanded, and refused, and the fleet that were now here had arrived with the intention of forcing it. Terms were given and so many days allowed the government to comply with them, and in failure of which the town would be bombarded. The time having nearly expired when we arrived we stood off to see the end. The appointed day arrived, and after breakfast the ship of the line began to warp round so as to bring her broadside to bear on the town. At twelve the time would be up, and we waited in anxious silence, when a boat from the town went on board and in a little while went back again. At twelve the yards of the men-of-war were manned and a salute fired, which was answered from the fort or castle of Callao. At the eleventh hour the terms were acceded to, and thus the bombardment was turned into a salute.

# Chapter XVII.

## The Chincha Islands.

We were now ready for sea again, and shipping a number of Chilenos to work in the guano, we started for the Chinchas, and having a light wind we were a week on the passage, but we were not assigned any [illegible] until we could obtain a better berth.

There were two or three hundred vessels here when we arrived, and as only part could be loaded at a time, the rest had to wait until their turn came, and as nearly all of them were before us, we were obliged to wait, only taking the opportunity when a loaded ship hauled out to go to sea, to work ourselves into her berth, and when we were wanted to moor the vessel stem and stern.

Our time to lay here was 90 days, and if were longer detained, we were to get demurrage for all over time. We did not receive any guano when our time expired, so that we were detained after our time a month or more, getting 40 dollars a day as demurrage.

The Chincha Islands are three in number, and are nothing but bleak, barren rocks, covered with a "deposit" of guano. The principal anchorage or roads is between the north and middle islands, where the guano can be taken with greater ease and despatch. The north island which contains the largest deposit of guano and is the most worked, is about three miles in circumference, and presents the appearance of a desolation. There being no vegetation living, the guano killing out everything in that respect. The guano covers the island, in places of one hundred and fifty feet in thickness.

The digging of this enormous deposit of guano is a surprising process to witness. By digging at the [illegible] of which will be found at an elevation of 150 feet above the surface of the water, and the quantity is how did they get there? It is the theory com-pound of bird manure, as many of those after exam-ining this island will hold to that theory any longer, although birds may have a great deal to do with it. It seems to be a deposit of dead seals, fish, penguins and other birds. Some hold to the idea that the seas may have washed to the top of the guano these, but that looks improbable, for I have seen the skeletons deposited in places where they could not have crawled to in the top of precipi-ces at 100 feet in perpendicular height from the water edge. Others think they may have been carried there by something unknown to the present generation, but if so it must have been a bird as a beast could not exist on the island, and if a bird it must have been the fabled roc which carried the sailor, and that the identical island upon which he was wrecked, and by finding this and following the clue we might yet find the valley of diamonds. But I think the question is still open to discussion. The fish, however, may be carried there by the birds, as we saw every day, and the birds dying up there, were gradually covered up by the deposit of the birds. Still this does not account for the sea lions; as all the time we were in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have noticed it, and when we add to this the fact that numerous other islands are around yielding no deposit, the whole [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in mystery. There are but few birds around this island now, the operations of the men and vessels having frightened them away. A few penguins, pelicans and seals are seen, and these [illegible] the [illegible] each year.

The [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] and they are [illegible] the beach of passes from [illegible] feet [illegible]. It is shoveled into cars which are pushed along a railroad to the edge of the cliff where a long narrow spout called a "shute" reaching from the top of the cliff down to the launch, which is moored at the bottom [illegible] [illegible] shoots of [illegible] into the launch which is filled in a short time, and the men at the bottom [illegible] the [illegible] sing out to them to hold up in time, or they would sink the launch, as they cannot see when it is full, owing to the dust arising from it, and while we were there a launch was sunk in that manner, and one of the men was drowned.

The water around these islands abound with mackerel, which may be easily caught from the ship, the men using a small piece of fresh mackerel which they use with [illegible]. They are not very good, but make a good meal when fresh, though not worth much when salted.

One of our sailors got into a quarrel one day, and one named [illegible] stabbed the other, whose name was Fred, in the arm, gouging out a piece of flesh about an inch square. It began to bleed very freely, which frightened Fred so that he thought he was done for, and on my having him he begged me to ask the skipper to send off a doctor. I laughed at him and told him that I guessed he would not die this time. The wound stopped bleeding after a while, but it left an ugly place to heal. When he got back he talked he [illegible] [illegible], but I do not know how it was made out.

One day while we were lying idle

part of our crew went on board of the ship [illegible], to help haul her outside the [illegible]. she having a full cargo. — We were heaving on the main top-stay, on a line running through a snatch block which was hooked into an eyebolt in the deck. A very heavy strain was on the line when all at once the hook of the snatch block breaking, the block flew aft striking a man next to it belonging to the ship Mary Hastings in the side, causing his death almost instantly. It seemed to break him right in [illegible] at once. He fell without a moan and although breathing about an hour [illegible]. He was snatched from time to eternity in an instant and now lies dead who a few minutes before was as full of life as any of us and it might just as soon have been one of us as him with no time to utter a prayer for mercy.

We took our turn [illegible] to receive guano and there we had to [illegible] to it for we received it at the rate of [illegible] a day. We had two [illegible] launches each capable of carrying from [illegible] tons apiece, and after we commenced to take in we were soon loaded, the [illegible] it out of the launch and stowing it in the hold, where the rest of us managed the [illegible] and [illegible]. At length we [illegible] hold [illegible] with 2200 tons of guano underneath, and great [illegible] were we to [illegible] for many days [illegible] with the [illegible] of the [illegible] had settled on everything, down the hatch to [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] that it was very disagreeable to work among it, walking on [illegible] at the [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] a while.

The ship was now thoroughly [illegible] and the [illegible] and everything [illegible] ready for sea, [illegible] we [illegible]

[illegible] and then we went way back to Callao where we arrived on the second day. We spent here a week or two [illegible] ship, discharging the cargo and giving liberty to the crew.

While where in Callao one day I took a trip to Lima on the railroad, which has been constructed between that place and Callao, a distance of eight miles. The merchants and foreign men doing business in Callao mostly reside at Lima, but the most of the population consist of natives called "Cholas" speaking the Spanish tongue. The houses of the natives are built of mud bricks dried in the sun, and are low and flat, the outside coated with a yellow wash. Lima may seem to some a pretty city, but I saw nothing there that I called attractive, and it presents anything but a lively appearance, the streets for the most part being destitute of all signs of life, excepting here and there a pedestrian. The streets bordering the park or plaza however, are occupied by a large number of stores, and the trade of the city seems to be concentrated here, and some of the stores display as rich a variety of goods as could be found anywhere. A kind of Veranda extends along the sidewalk in front of the stores, the length of the street which makes a very grateful walk in a hot day. Aside from this part of the city, the principal inmates of the streets appeared to be women and beggars, and these last were thick enough. There is a large number of churches and cathedrals here, and about the entrance of each would be grouped a dozen or more beggars, lame, halt and blind.

all singing out for alms for the love of the Virgin.

I looked about a short time, but not seeing any of my countrymen or any one that understood English, I concluded to go back to Callao. On my arrival there I met one of the Doctors that were with us at the Chinchas and he invited me to take supper at his house. The principal dish was a highly seasoned and peppered stew but very good, and on which I made a hearty meal, and then it being sunset I went on board.

We were under the necessity of shipping some men here, but as they were very scarce we had hard work to get them. Some of the men were deserters from the sloop-of-war Lancaster which lay in the harbor, and one or two of the rest were English sailors. Another was a Dutchman, named Tom, who had been discharged a short time before from the ship Black Hawk, and his wages paid into the consul's hands, who was to deliver them to him on his leaving the port. The next morning after he came aboard he wanted to go ashore and obtain his money which our skipper would not permit, fearing that he would run away, but offered to see the consul himself.

When he came off again he brought Tom a note from the consul, stating that he had not got time that day but would look into his case tomorrow. This was insulting, as the ship had her papers and clearance, and at daylight tomorrow would be at sea, which the consul well knew, but took this way to get rid of paying it. His name I believe was [illegible] and the year 1860.

One of the chaps from the Lancaster was a queer looking fellow who soon after he got aboard began talking about the ships that he had been in, and among others he mentioned the following ships. The second mate who had been in the Chimney Flag hearing him mention her asked him when he was in her and who was the captain at that time. He mentioned the time which proved to be the very time that the second mate was in her. "Now I know you lie" said he, "for I was in her myself at that time." The chap was put all aback by this and had nothing more to say. He went by the name of Chimney Flag for the rest of the voyage.

## Chapter XVIII.

## Passage to London.

Now having made up our number of men we started on our voyage. We had pleasant weather to and around Cape Horn, the wind changing with our course and keeping fair, until we arrived in the latitude of the Rio de la Plata when it hauled ahead and commenced to blow a gale, accompanied by violent thunder squalls. During one of the heaviest of these we were forced to take in the fore topsail and as we started up the rigging it burst upon us in all its fury. The lightning flashes incessantly almost blinding us for an instant, which would make the succeeding darkness ten times as dark by the contrast, while all the time the rain fell in torrents. We got it in after a while and were laying down on deck, when just as

I was opposite the top, a flash of lightning revealed one of the crew, an old Englishman, snugly ensconced beneath the top inside of the futtock shrouds. He must have felt rather cheap to have been caught so handsomely, but he did not speak nor did I. He had been there all the time that we were occupied in getting it in. It was lucky for him that it did not happen to be one of the officers that saw him there.

The gale increased to such a degree that we were forced to take in everything but the storm sails, and lay to until the gale subsided. We had a continuance of such weather until we reached the "horse latitudes, or doldrums," where we lay a week or two becalmed, it raining nearly all the time. We then worked along until we reached the latitude of the Western Islands, where we encountered another severe gale, and it being December we began to suffer from the cold as we advanced to the Northward. We made the coast of St Georges, and in the beginning of January we dropped our anchor in Queenstown Harbor, Ireland, and arrived just in season to escape a heavy gale that came on the next day. Ships were soon entered by a number of vessels dismasted, some partly dismasted, and others with their bulwarks carried away, and all of them in- [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and waiting [illegible] to repair damages.

Although it was the beginning of January, yet the country presented a green appearance, not seeming to have suffered much as yet from frost. The town as seen from the harbor, although small, looked neat and pretty at a distance, and the houses being mostly painted white presented an attractive appearance. The [illegible] [illegible] side of this place is [illegible] from the landing place of the [illegible] [illegible], and the [illegible] of ships papers.

We were bound to London with our cargo and as we were not acquainted with the English channel we engaged a pilot to take us to the Downs. After about ten days stay in the harbor of Queenstown, the pilot came on board one morning, and the ship was given into his charge. We got under way and stood out of the harbor with a light breeze.

On our way out we passed the ship from America which had arrived the day before. When we left Callao this ship was lying there empty, and since our sailing had been to the Chinchas, loaded, back to Callao, and had arrived here after a passage of seventy days, while we had been 120 on the same passage.

We were two or three days in getting to the entrance of the Channel and then the wind shifted to S. W. and we stood on our way with a fair wind. It held fair and gradually increasing in force and when we were off the Isle of Wight on the second day of the fair wind it had almost increased to a gale. The ship had top-gallantsails on her and was plunging at a rapid rate through the water. The skipper wanted to take in sail but the pilot would not consent to it, saying that he did not want to lose this wind for if they did we might be driven clear back to the chops of the Channel. The sail was kept on her until even the pilot saw the necessity for taking in sail, and gave the order accordingly, but as soon as the halyards were slacked in the least the top-gallantsails gave one surge and with a report like a gun burst into shreds and vanished, leaving nothing to show but the boltropes. This was about sunset and at dark a thick fog came on which hid every thing from view but still we kept on our course, the pilot stationing himself forward on the lookout, and the skipper walking the deck ready to pass the word to the helmsman. We went along in this manner until midnight, and by the calculation of the pilot must be near Dover. We were nearer than he thought however, for something ahead catching his eye he suddenly sang out "Hard a-port your helm." "Hard a-port it is," said the helmsman answered, suiting the action to the word. But the ship not answering her helm and he doubtless thinking that his order was not obeyed, repeated it. "It is hard a-port," sang out the skipper. But the pilot singing out again came running aft to see if it was done. The skipper wanted to know what the matter was, to which the pilot answered, "Dover pier is right ahead and she will be upon it in no time if she ain't come up." We could now see it looming through the fog and we appeared to be going right upon it. A man was standing on the head of it swinging a lantern, but as we approached he began to think it dangerous to stay there and retreated off the pier just as we had made up our minds that we must run into it the ship began to come up, and as soon as she started she came round quick, and we shot past the end of the pier so near that we might have thrown a biscuit on it. The reason that she refused to answer her helm before was, that the current running past the pier heads an eddy [illegible] the ship had got, and got a little way [illegible] for her helm.

When we found ourselves past the pier in safety the pilot whose equanimity was considerably disturbed by his proximity to it, concluded that we had better take in sail and come to an anchor.

Accordingly we came to an anchor, furled our sails and then sought our bunks to get what rest we could till daylight. We were roused up at daybreak, and going on deck found that the fog had cleared away and the wind subsided, and it was very calm and still, the water being as smooth as glass. We were about a mile inside the pier which stretched off from the shore for a considerable distance; the object of its great length being to make it a breakwater to shelter vessels.

Turning my eyes toward the town, I saw a high cliff surmounted by a fortress, which from the situation I knew to be Dover castle, the town lying below at the foot of the cliffs. On the other side of the channel the coast of France was plainly to be seen, although twenty-one miles distant. A large fleet of vessels were at anchor here and in the Downs waiting for a fair wind.

Our Cork pilot, having taken the ship as far as his commission allowed gave her in charge to the Dover pilot, who came off while we were getting breakfast, the pilot staying on board as he was going to London. After breakfast we loosed and hoisted the sails and hove short, when a small steamer came puffing alongside and hailed to know if we wanted a tug. "What will you take me up to London for?" asked the skipper. "What dock?" "Victoria" said the skipper. "Forty pounds" was the answer. "I guess not" rejoined the skipper. "you won't get it done any cheaper" said the Capt. of the tug, which by this time was close alongside of us. "I guess I will come aboard and see you" and suiting the action to the word he sprang on deck, and after a few minutes conversation they adjourned to the cabin, and after an absence of about half an hour they made their appearance on deck, and the order was given to furl the sails. This order you may readily believe was performed with alacrity, and we mounted the rigging to furl the sails for the last time on this voyage.

As soon as this was accomplished we got a hawser on deck, and passing the end to the tug, they made it fast and took us in tow. We now manned the windlass and as soon as the anchor was clear we began to glide through the water. On the way we passed considerable vessels, some at anchor, some under way, and some in tow of tugs, while steamers, yachts, smacks, were coming and going in every direction. We entered the Thames about three o'clock, and gently glided up the river till about nine at night, when we arrived at Gravesend. The tug casting off and [illegible] to the city. We had spent the day in sending down our sails and light [illegible] getting things to rights, and were tired enough when we anchored to have our good night's rest.

The next morning we turned out and scrubbed down the decks, and by the time we had finished our breakfast the tug was alongside once, and we [illegible] to the windlass and once more were underway for London. The river was [illegible] with [illegible] craft, [illegible] steamers, [illegible] [illegible] here and there a larger craft [illegible] in every direction [illegible]

And now we began to draw near the metropolis of England, and keeping steadily along, we found enough on each side of us to occupy our attention. About [illegible] we reached the dock at the celebrated Greenwich. She was not here [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible]. It was that she had condemned [illegible] would never be able to [illegible] her [illegible]; and we all knew that on her next trip she [illegible] [illegible] as she did, [illegible] to the [illegible] future.

Another thing that we could not help noticing was the superiority of the vessels of the English to the American vessels. We saw a vessel [illegible] the English flag and with more than ordinary [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] would on [illegible] be found to be American built.

We reached the entrance of [illegible] dock about twelve o'clock, and the rest of the day was spent in hauling to a berth and making things in order.

The next morning we turned to and got the anchor on the forecastle deck and [illegible] there, and now certainly our voyage was ended, and we were at liberty to pack up our traps and go ashore, having nothing more to do with the ship. We did not feel much regret at leaving her, for she had been so deep loaded that when the weather was in any degree rough, she kept the decks continually wet, and [illegible] going before it she would take in [illegible] and [illegible] of water each side which rushing from one side of the deck to the other, would carry everything before it that happened to be loose, and if one was in the way he had to cling to whatever he could get hold of to prevent being carried along with it, of course being drenched from head to feet. In cold weather it was very uncomfortable to say the least, as one could not keep his feet any except in smooth weather. But we had finished our voyage in safety through God's providence, and it was without any regret that we now prepared to leave her.

Our carpenter had been here a number of times and he recommended us to go with him to a boarding house that he always stopped at, and would recommend it to us as being as good as could be found of its class. On the ship's first arrival the cook he had sent for the boarding master who had now arrived, and on our finishing our work he came into the forecastle attended by the carpenter, but he only succeeded in engaging a chap named [illegible] and myself to accompany him, the rest thinking that they were able to choose their boarding house without the assistance of the carpenter. So one and another went off with various sharks with which the ship's deck was infested. I saw some of them afterwards and they informed me that they regretted not going with me for they had not bettered themselves any. It is a byword among sailors, that in a Sunday in Liverpool boarding house, one has a choice of bread [illegible] egg or herring, of being [illegible] the [illegible] of the meal. This was a little better than that however, but I never found a poor living for the [illegible] as I did in London.

# Chapter XIX.

## Sights in London.

We soon had our things packed, and then our chests and bags were brought on deck, but before they could go over the side they had to be searched by a custom house officer, for tobacco and books, all tobacco over a pound being taken, and all the cheap editions of American books being forbidden until "duties are paid on them;" but they are not very stringent in its observance, for they merely lifted the lid of the chest and not seeing any in sight shut it down again. We then were allowed to land on the dock. The third mate, boatswain, carpenter, Webber and myself, were going to the same house under the guidance of a man named Baxter, who acted as runner for the establishment.

The city of London proper where the boarding house was situated, was six miles from Victoria dock. We proceeded to the railway station and getting aboard the cars were soon on our way to the city. A tall, fine looking man sat opposite us and began talking with us but got out at the next station. As soon as he had left [illegible] turned to us and smiled, "Do you know who you have been talking with?" [illegible] professed [illegible] he proceeded to inform us that we had had the honor of conversing with [illegible] the president. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Water or Gool Station. He saw the information known without remarking under it, and observed that he was a fine looking man which in truth he was. We soon arrived at the city and alighting at Shadwell station we proceeded to the boarding house which was located in Prince's Square St. George's East. Not expecting to be paid off under three or four days, I went to a tailor's shop and obtained a new suit of clothes, the boarding master being security for the payment. We then proceeded to dinner and when that was finished we went out for a stroll but not being acquainted went not far.

I was surprised to see so many public houses and all of them having a stiff business especially at night [illegible] decked with names as Dragon King [illegible] Sailor, Sailors Home, [illegible]. It is the habit of the people, men and women to drink liquor, some of the women had their infants [illegible] to beer. It is one of the only regulations that all public houses shall be kept closed on Sunday until one o'clock in the afternoon. But no difficulty is found in getting liquor at any time through the day, and at the toll of the city [illegible] one o'clock [illegible] the doors fly open at the first stroke. It would be easily seen that we were not located in the most respectable portion of London, for at night all the streets were filled with [illegible] who [illegible] with their solicitations, and [illegible] a [illegible] one would be [illegible] not begging for a glass of liquor.

I could [illegible] as [illegible] my imagination had believed, [illegible] and dirty buildings, and little narrow alleys [illegible] the dark passages more particularly in what is old London, the [illegible] and [illegible] of a more ancient date.

On making some inquiries about sightseeing Baker informed me that he would take one afternoon and started with him and went over to Whitechapel. The first place that we stopped at was a public house kept in the days [illegible] over 100 years since the [illegible] firm of England. We went in and were served with a drink which was served to us by the [illegible] himself, who [illegible] as if he was a proud [illegible] to his own bar, and that [illegible] all that drink was in his experience. This house was [illegible] to look at and [illegible] probably [illegible] stood [illegible] for the last 150 years. [illegible] which is [illegible] informed us where the house still exists where Dick Turpin shot Tom King, and from firing the [illegible] was that Tom King the highwayman was accidentally [illegible] the bullet having been intended for a policeman from whom he was endeavoring to escape. This house is an ancient looking building, and is [illegible] of the [illegible] with a peculiar [illegible] the scene of the above exploit, a highwayman [illegible] for the greatest of [illegible], and [illegible] any other man in their age.

The next morning I continued to [illegible] with Baker as his assistant [illegible] [illegible] were chiefly confined to [illegible] money, one of which he [illegible] a [illegible], which [illegible] of [illegible] more satisfactory to him than it was to me. As I started on a [illegible] by myself, and on [illegible] that I [illegible] in London on the [illegible].

proceeding along up the street which was comparatively quiet in the morning. At length I arrived at the end of the street, and found myself on the other side and opposite the ancient Tower of London. On my right hand was a square of [illegible] tastefully laid, which drew my attention to the [illegible] they were quite new. I soon found at hand the Mint, a very unpretending building, and I should have passed it without notice had it not been for the presence of the sentries.

Passing the Minories I gained rising Tower Hill, the scene of so many executions in times past. At the foot of the hill is the entrance to the Tower, which stretches along the side of the hill, the spectator above having a fine view of the moat which is now dry, and the parade ground of the soldiers stationed here. Leaving the Tower Hill, I entered Lower Thames St. which runs along the bank of the Thames, and passing Billingsgate fish market I soon reached the Steam Station, and ascending a flight of steps arrived at the end of London bridge. The old saying, that you can always see a white horse on London bridge, is a true one, for there is such a throng of horses and vehicles continually going and coming, that at any time one would [illegible] [illegible] a white horse among them.

Leaving the bridge the next thing to attract one's attention is London Monument, which is situated in the most business [illegible] that could be found, being built at the foot of a hill. I then turned off into Cannon St. [illegible] and proceeded along until I reached St. Paul's church, which has the reputation of being the second largest church in the world. The dome is a splendid piece of architecture, and from its top a view of the city is obtained at [illegible] [illegible] time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

which after the sun rises covers the city like a fog very thickly, shutting out the rays of the sun. [illegible] and the dampness of climate causes the very [illegible] any other in London, owing to the same smoke, which [illegible] on the walls of the church and gives it a very ancient appearance, but notwithstanding [illegible] the stranger to a visit to it.

I pursued my walk alone until I came to St. James Park, which I went through passing the barracks of the Horse Guards. Passing through the park I took an outside view of Westminster Abbey and Houses of Parliament, which the reader has probably read described a hundred times.

I then turned my steps homewards, but would have been unable to find it had I not sought information from a policeman as to the route.

Having now received my pay I settled for my clothes and paid my board bill up to date, with but [illegible] a balance left. London especially the [illegible] part, is infested with beggars who meet one at every step importuning you for alms, and on the [illegible] of a policeman they cease instantly, mendicancy being punished by law, the police having power to arrest any one caught begging, but in spite of this the streets are thronged with them.

While in London I did not neglect to pay a visit to the Tower. Understanding at the entrance we passed the sentry, who gave us admittance to a little building where we paid our admittance fee, and were requested to wait a few minutes until a few more arrived, when a guide would be furnished us. In about fifteen minutes the [illegible] being now increased to a dozen, we started on, our guide leading the way. He was one of the warders of the tower, and was dressed in the costume of Henry [illegible] time, it being an old law of his reign that these officers shall be chosen from superannuated soldiers, who must adopt the dress of this period.

We crossed the drawbridge and passed through the Traitor's gate and found ourselves in front of the White tower, which was built by William the Conqueror and is the oldest of the tower. We then entered the horse armory, which is so called from its containing a collection of equestrian figures of some of the kings and warriors of past time, each clothed with the representative armor of their time. On the other side was a motley collection of arms and armor which comprised varieties of every description. Passing through this room and ascending a flight of stairs we entered a room containing military trophies and curiosities. Among other things was the cloak worn by Gen. Wolfe when he fell before Quebec. The next room was filled with [illegible] ancient weapons and curiosities, and passing through this the visitor entered what is called Queen Elizabeth's armory. Here were to be seen the instruments of torture taken from the Spanish Armada; also the block and the axe which were used in the execution of Lady Jane Grey, and which were last used in the execution of the rebel lords Balmerino, Kilmarnock, and Lovat in 1746. At the right hand of this we were shown a small apartment, or rather cell, in which a man would be unable to stand upright nor lie down at length. [illegible] compelled to endure [illegible] the room [illegible] in which Sir Walter Raleigh was confined twelve years. At the end of the armory was an equestrian statue of Queen Elizabeth in state dress, with a page in attendance at the horse's head.

Leaving this part of the tower we next wandered across the yard to [illegible] tower.

On the way we were shown the spot where Lady Jane Grey was beheaded marked by a flat stone. Entering the tower and ascending a flight of stone steps we were shown the apartments in which she was confined previous to her execution. We were then shown the apartments in which the prisoners of state were usually confined. The walls were covered with inscriptions and initials which are still to be plainly read after the lapse of centuries.

After looking about here we proceeded to the [illegible] tower, where we were shown the regalia and crown jewels, which with the crown were contained in a glass case surrounded by an iron railing. When they had been admired sufficiently we took our departure, and in the armory were shown a variety of cannon of all descriptions, from the earliest times to the present. Sentries meet one here at every turn and a [illegible] soldiers are stationed here, having barracks erected for their accommodation.

While going over home after leaving the tower, I met [illegible] posting the [illegible] of the Royal Naval Reserve, a body of men enlisted for a small bounty from the merchant marine. They are required to drill at the guns six weeks, receiving a guinea a week, at the expiration of which time they are at liberty to ship on a merchant vessel but liable at any time to be transferred to a man-of-war. The regulation seems none but able seamen, but they cannot be very strict in the examination of candidates, or [illegible] would not have passed. So from this [illegible] he might have [illegible] himself to have been an Englishman, renouncing his own country, which would have been a great gain to England.

This Sunday morning I took a walk

was the famous Petticoat Lane. Going over into White chapel and passing up the north side of the street, I came to a little alley over the top of which was the sign "Petticoat Lane." It seemed to be the centre of attraction. I turned into it and proceeded along the length of it a distance of about half a mile. This is the grand market of stolen goods, and on Sunday mornings it is thronged with buyers and sellers. Here everything that can be thought of is exhibited for sale, clothing, boots, tools, &c. and in fact any thing that can be offered. [illegible] can make a small fortune in a great way, keeping up an honest business, that is, in buying stolen goods which may be claimed at any time by the owner.

Another day I made a visit to the Museum. For this purpose I started by a bus and soon reached Cornhill, where I stopped to take a look at the Royal Exchange. This is one of the finest public buildings in London. Situated at about the centre of the business part of the city, having the Bank of England on one side and the residence of the Lord Mayor on the other, with an open space in front on which is placed an equestrian statue of [illegible] with a hook nose, [illegible] supposed to be the Duke of Wellington. Over the entrance and near the top of the building is an inscription, "The earth is the Lords and the fulness thereof." But whether the Bank of England are included or not the inscription does not state.

Continuing my walk I soon reached the Old Bailey, and turning down it I soon came to Newgate prison, so celebrated in the time of Jack Sheppard, Claude Duval and other notables. It looks as if it were strong enough to hold anything, and I thought that a man that could get out of there with a pocket knife [illegible] deserved it. That must be the [illegible] of those who are condemned to be imprisoned here for years, in full sound of the life and bustle of the city, yet as much isolated from their species as if they were on a lone island in the middle of the ocean. In front of the prison, on an elevation looking down two or three streets, is the spot where condemned prisoners are usually hung. It looked as if this spot had been specially chosen with reference to its conspicuous position, so an execution may be witnessed by thousands gathered down the roads, all of them obtaining a good view. I was informed that at the last execution that took place here, the streets began to fill twenty four hours beforehand, and at the moment of execution the streets were densely packed with men, women and children as far as one could see.

Leaving Newgate I passed up Holborn, which is one of the principal business streets of the city, and at last turning into Great Russell St. found myself at the Museum. Passing the [illegible] on entering, and turning to the left entered rooms devoted to Roman antiquities.

Here were to be seen a collection of the busts of the Roman emperors, specimens of mosaic pavement &c. These were all more or less imperfect owing to their great age, but some of them were very fine specimens, and showed to what perfection the art had been brought by the Romans and Greeks. The first floor of the building is mainly occupied by sculpture, and after looking at the different specimens, I ascended the stairs and entered an apartment filled with stuffed fish and reptiles. Among the fish I saw what was called a whale. It was about as large as a calf, and was so called [illegible] I suppose [illegible], but it seems hard to [illegible] them under the name of [illegible] whale.

I then went through the animal and bird department, which contains a fine collection well worth seeing. I then went into the Egyptian room, the principal thing there being mummies. On one was attached a notice "Pharaoh's daughter. Probably the one that saved Moses." Probably, I thought. Nearly all the kings of ancient Egypt were named Pharaoh, and this would open a wide field for investigation to identify the daughter that saved Moses, and then find the identical Pharaoh that claimed to be her father. Although of so great an age, yet the hair on the heads of some of these mummies was in a good state of preservation. The skin also was still preserved, looking quite natural, but dry like parchment, and clinging close to the bones, and the wood composing the coffins seemed to be as sound as it was the day the coffin was made.

In another room were skeletons of the Mastodon, Megatherium, Ichthyosaurus, and other skeletons with equally learned and unpronounceable names, which seemed to accord in length with the size of the skeleton. Passing through the mineralogical department I descended the stairs and entered the King's Library.

There may be larger libraries in the world, but this is the largest collection of books that I ever saw. There are collections of books of different languages, French, German, Spanish &c. The English collection embraces specimens of manuscript, plain and illuminated, together with specimens of early printing and engraving. It also contains many rare and valuable books not to be found elsewhere. Another part contains autograph specimens of some of the kings and noted men of English history. To thoroughly examine this library would take a month, in place of an hour, which was all the time that I could devote.

On leaving the Museum I thought that I had seldom spent a day more profitably, and it was one of the best investments that the government ever made when they threw open this collection to the public. For a poor man who can not afford to spend his earnings in places of amusement, but still wishes for it, I know of no better place to spend a few hours in than this building, in which he will find amusement and recreation, at the same time obtaining a knowledge of things by actual observation which a study of books could never give him.

Not feeling inclined to walk back I took an omnibus, one passing every two or three minutes, and rode as near as their route carried me to the street on which I lodged, and here let me say that I know of no better way to see London than to take a ride on one of these omnibuses the length of the route and I think your threepence will be as well laid out as anything you can invest it in.

I took a trip also to see the famous Thames Tunnel. Arriving there and entering a small building I paid the entrance fee, a penny, and passing through the back part of the building found myself in the gallery of what I called the amphitheatre of the tunnel. Descending the steps about a hundred feet I found myself at the entrance of the tunnel. There are two passage ways leading through but only one was then as the other was undergoing repairs. I entered the one that was open and slowly sauntered along the passage. On the left hand side were little alcoves or cells, each containing one or more venders exposing a variety of things for sale. There was a little panorama on exhibition for a penny, and next [illegible] in a [illegible] state, and another contained a miniature steam engine in full operation, another a stock of jewelry, &c. After going the length of it I turned and came back again, thinking of course that it was quite a novelty to be passing under the Thames, with perhaps the iron flukes of a vessel's anchor digging into the bed of the river above my head, but at the same time wondering what upon earth the object was in digging this tunnel, when it was so much easier and convenient to cross the river by means of a bridge. As near as I could find out it was excavated to let people know that such a thing could be done, and to have something different from any one else to brag about. To think that if the thousands of pounds that were foolishly thrown away by those, for none but fools would have gone to the expense of excavating, had been applied to the relief of the starving population of the city who meet one at every turn, it were advantage to the donors as they would have had the pleasure (if it had been any pleasure to them) of thinking that by this course they had relieved the sufferings of thousands.

One day while passing along the street I observed a crowd of people collected in front of a building which bore the appearance of a hall or chapel. On inquiry I was informed that this was the hall in which Spurgeon preached and that he was about to deliver a discourse. He was then at the height of his popularity, and whenever he preached drew a crowd of people and filled the house to overflowing, many going away unable to obtain admittance.

I found the English people generally amusing at the expense of a [illegible] than in the United States, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] conversation it could be seen how [illegible]. [illegible] of the [illegible] was [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible], especially the South, which as a general thing they consider it as completely crowded out of existence by the consuls.

Among the boarders at the house where I lodged was a sailor who had lately been discharged from an American ship. The captain of it had cheated him out of part of his wages, and he had been to the consul to seek redress, but could obtain no satisfaction. He told the consul that he should apply to the American Minister. He was told to go to him if he wanted to and see what he could do. He went to him therefore and on application was told that he had nothing to do with it, and sent him back to the consul. The consul told him "I told you so. I knew he would send you right back to me." He told me that he could not obtained no satisfaction.

Another case was that of a man who had been discharged and paid off and had intended to ship for home the first opportunity, but in the meantime was taken sick, and his money all went for board and medicine. Getting better, but with a bad cough upon him which rendered him unable to ship, and being penniless, he applied to the consul for a "passage home" in some vessel bound to the States. The consul asked him what ship he left. He told him and was then asked what he had done with his money. He told him, and the consul instead of giving him a passage, says to him, "you have been so long here now that you may consider yourself an English citizen," and turning from him he stalked off and left him. O that he could only be in the same situation himself before he dies.

# Chapter XX.

## From London to Boston.

Having now prolonged my stay in London till the beginning of May, and the weather growing quite warm and fair (though not least the [illegible]) being fairly settled, I began to think about going home which I had not seen for nearly five years, although receiving letters at intervals which kept me apprised of what was going on. On inquiring at the shipping office I found that scarcely any American ships except the regular liners were up for the States, and it was very difficult to get a chance to ship for this reason. The docks were filled with American vessels after English freight to the East Indies and S. America, but owing to the impending war the merchants would not trust their cargo in American bottoms, consequently they were lying here in idleness, [illegible] back to the States in ballast, and when one was about to sail the shipping office would be thronged with American sailors trying to get a chance to ship for home. I tried to ship in several [illegible] but without success, but at last succeeded in shipping in the Black Prince, of and for Boston, in ballast.

Going aboard on the day notified, we hauled out into the stream where a tug took us down to Gravesend where we lay at anchor that night. The next morning we got under weigh and proceeded as far as the Downs where we laid till the next morning. At noon we were running down the channel before a fresh northeast wind, at the rate of nine knots an hour, with the Start point visible on our starboard quarter, which was soon out of sight altogether.

The voyage passed without anything worth relating, until we reached the banks of Newfoundland.

One day about two o'clock in the afternoon my watch being below, we were awakened by one of the crew telling us that two privateers were in chase of us. At the moment one of them fired a gun, which the captain took to be a signal for him to heave to, and did so accordingly. They passed us by without taking any notice of us, which astonished [illegible] who they were. We doubt but that they were merchant vessels, and seeing us [illegible] from them fired the gun to scare us, which they did our captain most effectually. He did not say much about it afterwards.

On the banks we fell in with part of the fishing fleet which supplied us with fresh cod, requesting us to report them on our arrival.

The weather now became foggy with light winds and remained so until we cleared the banks when it began to grow warm. A few nights afterwards we saw a light, and towards morning we made Boston light, and at daylight a pilot coming on board we soon entered the harbor, and taking a tow-boat were brought up alongside the wharf. In the meantime we were busied in sending down the [illegible] and light spars. We were surprised to see the difference between here and outside. Outside [illegible] was cool, while in the harbor it was hot and sultry. As soon as the vessel was alongside the dock, I was amused to see the crew jump out on the wharf with their bags in hands, having [illegible] and take their departure without waiting to make the vessel fast, or saying good bye to captain or mate. Before leaving London they had received a month's advance and the passage being made in 28 days they had not a great deal coming to them and therefore were all ready to leave as soon as the ship touched the dock. In twelve hours time I was at home with my friends and my voyages ended, after an absence from August, 1856, to June, 1861.

And now I have arrived home after an absence of five years with nothing more than I started with, but thankful to reach home alive, and feeling grateful to God for his having spared my friends and permitted us to meet once more. I have got enough of the sea and a sailor's life, and am now content to stay at home having lost all longing for a life on the ocean, which like every thing else has its ups and downs, its good and bad side, but apart from all else the idea of being isolated from the world and separated from ones friends for two or three years, was not so agreeable in practice as in theory, and as I am now landed safe on terra firma, I have come to the conclusion that I will stay there for the rest of my natural life, and let those whose tastes or inclinations prompt them take my place, which I resign to them with pleasure.

The End.